



DEATH CRASH DRIVER'S 'FALLING ASLEEP' TEXT

Report by Pam Kingsley

A MAN who died after his car collided with a lorry on the Shropshire border last year had sent a text message to his partner saying he was falling asleep just minutes before he crashed, an inquest has heard.

Piotr Andrzej Oleszkiewicz, 31, was killed instantly in the crash on November 24 last year when he veered on to the wrong side of the A483 near the Halton Roundabout at Chirk, straight into the path of the Scania lorry.

At the inquest, held in Ruthin on Tuesday, coroner John Gittins heard Mr Oleszkiewicz had been travelling back to his home in Wrexham from Oswestry, where he worked at Arla Foods, following a 10-hour shift.

When police examined his phone they found a message sent to his partner Alicja Kazojc at 6.06pm, just seven minutes before the crash, saying "I'm falling asleep".

The coroner read out evidence from Ms Kazojc, who said she had noticed her partner would lose energy and need chocolate or an energy drink, and had complained about this more than once in the week leading up to the crash.

Suffered

In a written statement, lorry driver Jonathan Miller said he tried to avoid Mr Oleszkiewicz's Peugeot 307 by moving towards the outside barrier, and even standing up in his cab to press down on the brakes.

He said he only suffered minor injuries but has had to have counselling since the smash due to the "emotional scars".

He said: "I keep wondering if it could have been avoided but I don't think there is anything I could do. It's every driver's worst nightmare." A post-mortem examination revealed that Mr Oleszkiewicz died of head injuries suffered in the crash.

It also revealed there was no underlying medical condition which may have contributed to the crash, and found that although Mr Oleszkiewicz had alcohol in his system, he was well within the legal driving limit.

Forensic collision investigator Richard Davies estimated that Mr Oleszkiewicz was travelling at 60mph on impact, while Mr Miller was doing between 34 and 50mph.

He said if Mr Oleszkiewicz was suffering from sudden fatigue then it could have been exacerbated by his drinking alcohol earlier in the day.

He also said it was "highly likely" that text messages were sent and received while Mr Oleszkiewicz was driving.

The coroner concluded Mr Oleszkiewicz died as a result of a road traffic collision.

He said: "Perhaps lethargy or fatigue after a day's work and a small drink had been a factor. It's a further reminder to us about driving while tired and using phones. It's a distraction which can have catastrophic consequences."

Water sight! Charity's £10k boat project starts



Heulwen II is carefully lifted out of the water ahead of maintenance work that is estimated to cost £10,000

VOLUNTEERS at a trust which runs canal trips for the elderly and disabled got an unusual view of one of their boats this week.

Heulwen II, belonging to the Heulwen Trust in Welshpool, was craned out of the water yesterday so that it could undergo maintenance and repairs.

The 70ft steel narrowboat was lifted clear of the canal at Heulwen Wharf and put into dry dock, where volunteers immediately got to work cleaning off the parts of the hull which are usually below the water line.

Pat Ward, who is overseeing the repairs for the trust, said: "The boat has been lifted out for its first hull survey since it was built. As soon as possible after the lift-out, the hull will be scraped by trust volunteers and pressure washed in advance of a professional survey. One that had been carried out we will know the worst – any steelwork repairs likely to be

needed, together with a probable engine replacement or major overhaul."

Heulwen II was built by Cammel Laird in 1993 and has been carrying passengers along the Montgomery Canal since then.

Mr Ward said the work being done is the first major work to be carried out on the boat in 22 years, since it was built, and that it is likely to cost £10,000. It costs many thousands of pounds per year to run the two boats, including wages and maintenance," he said.

"It is getting increasingly hard to meet annual running costs, and this year we have the extra cost of the maintenance work, and so we're particularly grateful to anyone who donates."

The charity was set up in 1975 when a 70ft canal boat – Heulwen – was commissioned and designed to carry disabled children. The boat was thought to be the first of its kind in the

world. The trust was formed in 1985 and has been going from strength to strength since then with Heulwen II taking to the water in 1993. A third boat, Heulwen III Silver Lady, which was built locally at Maesbury, replaced the original boat in 2009.

Over the past 30 years the boats have provided scenic trips for more than 63,000 people with disabilities through some of Wales' most beautiful countryside.

The trust's main source of income is its annual Country and Western Musical Festival held in July in Welshpool each year, and needs donations to meet its running costs.

The trust would like to hear from groups or individuals with disabilities or special needs who are interested in coming on board.

For more information contact the trust's secretary and treasurer, Jenny Maddox, on (01938) 554810.

BUSINESS

Manufacturer to create 50 new jobs thanks to expansion

FIFTY new jobs will be created at a manufacturer in Welshpool, the company has announced.

Invertex Drives, which has its headquarters on the Offa's Dyke Business Park, is set to expand its operations with the building of a new 56,600 sq ft facility beside its existing home.

The project is due to be completed in 2017, with 30 of new the jobs arriving by 2018.

The Welsh Government is to fund the construction of the new facility, which will cost £5.6 million.

Operations director Charles Haspel said: "Invertex Drives produces highly innovative, easy-to-use variable frequency drives that save energy in domestic and industrial applications. Backing from the Welsh Government helps us develop the world-leading technology and highly-skilled workforce necessary to successfully compete on the world stage."

Invertex, which was recently named a regional winner in the Export Business of the Year category at the Chamber of Commerce Awards, estimates that it contributes more than £5 million a year to the local economy through employment, attracting business visitors to the area and supporting local organisations.

It achieves annual turnover of approximately £23 million, and hopes to use the new site to increase that figure by a further 50 per cent by 2018.

COMMEMORATIONS

Parades to mark Remembrance Day

REMEMBRANCE parades will be taking place in Oswestry and Welshpool on Sunday morning to commemorate Armistice Day.

Oswestry's parade will start at the Bailey Head at 10.45am and move to the park gates war memorial for 11am, when a short service will be conducted to include the two minutes' silence.

Welshpool's parade will start at 10.40am from Park Lane and go to St Marys Church for the remembrance service. After the service the parade will return to the town. Wreaths will also be laid in Chirk at the town centre war memorial.

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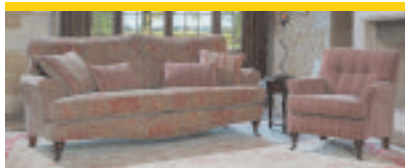
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Man in death crash not guilty of careless driving

Report by Arthur Mills

A 26-YEAR-OLD man involved in an accident in which a motorist was killed has been cleared of causing death by careless driving.

Robert Jones had denied the allegation and was found not guilty of being responsible for the death of 59-year-old Andrew Watkins by a jury at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Thursday last week.

During a four-day trial the court heard that Jones' VW Caddy van was in collision with Mr Watkins' silver Peugeot on a series of tight bends on the A495 near Llanyblodwel in April last year.

Mr Watkins died instantly in the crash which happened a short distance from his home at Llansantffraid as he was taking his car for an MOT test at Chadds Garage in Porth-y-Waen.

Jones, of Nant-y-Glyn, Llansantffraid, was travelling in the opposite direction and it was claimed his vehicle had strayed across the solid white lines on a bend near a railway bridge. However, Jones had told police in interviews, and told the jury during his trial, that he believed he had remained on his side of the road.

He said that the Peugeot car had "appeared quickly" and he recalled hearing a bang and his air bag going off.

Defence witness Dr Darren Walsh, an expert in forensic analysis of road traffic accidents, told the court his study of the scene indicated that the impact between the two vehicles was "a split second" earlier than suggested by police accident investigators.

In his opinion, scuff marks made by the damaged front wheel of the VW Caddy van put the sideways impact between the vehicles either on the double white lines, or just inside the van's side of the road.

The prosecution had alleged that van had crossed the double lines, causing the accident in which its front offside wheel struck the rear offside wheel of the car. As a result the Peugeot lost its rear wheel and rotated clockwise and hit the nearside verge.

Mr Nicholas Tatlow, prosecuting, said the Peugeot then struck a road sign which caused it to flip over on to its roof. Mr Watkins was found upside down being held in by his seat belt.

The court heard that had the car not hit the road sign, Mr Watkins may have survived the crash.

Council gets award for promoting markets



Graham Wilson OBE presents the award to the mayor of Oswestry, Councillor Peter Cherrington

A TOWN council has been honoured for its work promoting markets over the past decade.

A trophy was presented to members of Oswestry Town Council by Graham Wilson OBE, chairman of the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA).

The presentation was made to mark 10 years of partnership working between the two organisations.

Before handing over the trophy, Mr Wilson spoke on how, back in 2003, NABMA decided to restructure and later tendered out its administration, finance and event management departments. Oswestry was awarded the contract and became the first

town council to undertake a service-level agreement on behalf of a national body.

Since then Oswestry has organised many successful conferences, seminars and events and helped NABMA increase its range of service and membership benefits, he said.

Mr Wilson said: "When Oswestry began its partnership with NABMA some 125 members existed. That figure is now 228."

"Markets need NABMA to provide and increase its services to create more professionally-run markets, and Oswestry has a major role in shaping the future of the markets industry. NABMA cannot speak highly enough of the support, professionalism and dedication of Oswestry Town Council in

implementing the service-level agreement over the last decade.

"We could not have asked for a better partner and it is right to acknowledge the contribution of Oswestry to NABMA and markets throughout the UK and to say a proper and genuine thank you."

Town mayor Councillor Peter Cherrington said: "We are delighted with this award to recognise our partnership with NABMA. We have been a pathfinder for local councils in undertaking this work. As well as financial rewards for Oswestry worth over £300,000 during the period, it has been a wonderful experience for our staff and put Oswestry on the markets map of the UK."



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Firefighters set for major training task

UP to 35 fire fighters from the north of the county will be dealing with a huge fire at Oswestry's Mile Oak Industrial Estate next week.

The 'fire' will see people having to be rescued from a smoke-logged building as part of a major training exercise to test the reactions of Shropshire's on-call firefighters.

At 7pm on November 11, fire appliances from stations in Oswestry, Baschurch, Wem and Ellesmere will converge on the 12,000 sq ft site of CV Rollers on the industrial estate in response to a 999 fire call.

They will don breathing apparatus to search the premises after a roll-call reveals a number of people are missing. The scenario has been devised by officers at Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service to test the skills of firefighters who will have to quickly assess on-site hazards, access the building safely and rescue trapped or seriously injured victims.

Retained support officer Simon Griffiths, a Whitchurch firefighter for 37 years, said such training exercises were vital to test the skills of firefighters in readiness for 'the real thing'. "This exercise is designed to assess our competence in several areas including incident command, possible hazardous materials response, the rescue of several casualties, fire ground communications and breathing apparatus procedures," he said.

Handbag taken in house raid

A HANDBAG and baby changing bag were taken by thieves in one of burglaries in the Oswestry area.

The first happened at a home in Baytree Avenue in St Martins at some point between 2am and 3am last Tuesday. Thieves took the two bags and contents after breaking in through an insecure back door.

Anyone with information can contact police on 101 quoting incident reference 141S of October 27.

Then on Thursday a woman was woken at 6.45am by banging and rattling from her conservatory windows.

She went to see what the noise was a saw the silhouette of a figure running away. The figure did not get into her home and nothing was stolen.

Anyone who saw or heard anything suspicious or has any information should contact police on 101 quoting incident reference 70S of October 29.

Cash-hit care group says home does not face axe

Report by Mark Andrews

A CARE homes operator that has run up debts of £500 million to-day gave assurances that there is not threat to any of its residential centres, including one near Oswestry.

Meadowbrook Care Home in Gobowen is run by the troubled care giant Four Seasons.

But company spokesman Bob Mitchell today said none of its homes were at risk of closure, and that there would be no impact on the services that they provide.

The home provides residential care for up to 79 people with special nursing needs, including those living with dementia and associated illnesses. It was described as "requiring improvement" in a Care Quality Commission report which was published in February.

Payment

Four Seasons, which is owned by private equity group Terra Firma, has 470 homes across the UK. Four Seasons has until December to make a £26 million interest payment to creditors who could otherwise put it into administration.

Mr Mitchell said it was a difficult time for the care industry, but said the company was not looking at closing any of its care homes.

"The group has got sufficient medium-term financial flexibility, and we are carrying out a review to further enhance financial liquidity," he said. "There is no scenario we can envisage that would have an impact on any of our care homes."

Mr Mitchell said the care industry as a whole, both residential and providers of care in the home, were struggling due to a combination of government cuts to social care budgets, and the increase in the minimum wage announced in the last Budget.

He said the industry would be waiting to here from the Chancellor in his Autumn Statement about whether more money would be made available to the sector to cope with rising costs.

Meadowbrook was found to be "requiring improvement" in all four categories in which it was assessed during an unannounced visit by inspectors last year.

The home was described as being "not safe" and inspectors said there were not enough staff on duty.

Children inspire names for project



The children who came up with the names alongside care and teaching staff and family members

SCHOOLCHILDREN have provided the inspiration for names of the different areas of a multi-million pound care home redevelopment currently under way in Chirk.

As part of the £5.9 million transformation of Chirk Court home at Maes y Waen, two sections of the original building have already been completely refurbished to include one of five accommodation household areas for residents.

Following demolition of other parts of the original building, work is now under way on four purpose-built household areas of accommodation with the first phase of the new builds due to open next spring. The home is owned by Clwyd Alyn Housing Association.

The winning suggestions, which have been adapted to provide five final household names, came from Ysgol Y Waun pupils Nathan Lucking, Adam McCoy, Lewis Morgan, Erin Roberts and Ethan Gilbert.

Myddleton was suggested by Erin in recognition of Sir Thomas Myddleton of Chirk Castle. This name will be used for the refurbished original building. The other names will be used for the new houses.

Ceiwg was chosen to reflect the area and particularly the river and valley. The final name evolved from Pont Fannan, suggested by Nathan. Berwick, the name of a canal tunnel nearby, was provided by Lewis Morgan; Dyffryn was based on Adam's suggestion of valley; and Castell was based on the suggestion of castle by Ethan Gilbert.

Lisa Johnson, manager of Chirk Court, said: "Anwyl kindly donated five £30 vouchers for each of the children whose suggestions inspired the new names which all reflected the local area."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sentencing due on man in blade case

A WELSHPOOL man will be sentenced later this month after being convicted of possessing a bladed article by magistrates.

Patrick Garner, 47, had denied the charge but was found guilty at Welshpool Magistrates Court yesterday.

He had also disputed a charge of theft by finding of US\$750 and £55. While he had admitted taking the sterling cash, but magistrates found against him after a short hearing.

Garner, of Oldford Rise, Welshpool, had previously admitted a string of other offences: two charges of possession of amphetamine, driving while disqualified, driving without insurance, six counts of making a false statement to get insurance, and a failure to surrender. The case was adjourned for a pre-sentence report to be prepared and Garner will be sentenced on November 24.

Farm in luxury camping scheme

A FARM near Oswestry is hoping to create a luxury 'glamping' site with 10 yurts and a barn which would be suitable for wedding receptions.

Katrina and Steve Boydon, who run Tanycoed Farm in Llansilin, put up three removable Mongolian yurts in a summer trial run, and now want to put up a total of 10 yurts.

Mrs Boydon said: "We would very much like to go ahead with our yurt glamping site and further expand the business into tent camping and a wedding and event venue, and general opinion is that the site is perfect for a rural wedding venue."

The plans have been submitted to Shropshire Council and a decision is expected before the end of the year.

Man, 71, in £116k VAT fraud case

A MAN has been charged with a £116,000 VAT fraud.

Defendant Adrian Vaughan Jones, 71, of White Church Gardens in Chirk, appeared at Flintshire Magistrates Court in Mold on Tuesday. He faces three charges of being concerned in the fraudulent evasion of VAT, going back to 2006. He was bailed to appear next week at Mold Crown Court.

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Man launched knife attack on his partner, court told

Report by Pam Kingsley

A MAN has gone on trial for attempted murder amid allegations that he launched a frenzied knife attack upon his partner after she told him to leave and was in the process of packing his bags.

The victim, who began a relationship with defendant Scott David Jones in about November last year, received life-threatening stab wounds during the attack at her home in Wrexham, a jury at Mold Crown Court was told on Monday. Jones, 40, of St Mary's Close in Chirk, denies attempted murder following the incident on May 10. The jury was told that he had already admitted an alternative charge of wounding her with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Prosecuting barrister Mark Connor said the attack had followed an argument.

Mr Connor said Jones accused her of being drunk and of insulting him the previous evening, but she said he had overheard her referring to a TV programme. He said Jones then accused her of not paying back some money and became very angry.

"He then grabbed her around the throat and pushed her up against the hall cupboard and punched her to the mouth while choking her," Mr Connor said. "He threatened to get some of his friends to beat her up and said that he was going to petrol bomb her flat."

Mr Connor said she managed to run to her mother's house nearby, and when Jones followed she told him the relationship was over. She then went back to her flat to pack his belongings.

"He begged her for another chance but when he realised that she was serious he lost control, dragged her on to her bed and started to choke her so that she could not breathe," Mr Connor told the jury.

"He was screaming at her that she would not see her daughter again, which was a clear indication of his intention. She made a run towards the bedroom door but he prevented her from leaving and then began to lunge towards her making slashing and stabbing movements."

"She did not see a knife but became aware that she was being stabbed."

He added that Jones discarded the knife in the kitchen while the victim ran from the house screaming. The victim suffered six wounds consistent with the use of a knife, three to her abdomen and three to her arm.

Mr Connor said: "The three wounds to the abdomen had the potential to prove life-threatening and it is fortuitous that the wounds were not deeper."

Jones was arrested the following day at an address in Wrexham.

The trial before Judge Rhys Rowlands continues.

Hundreds enjoy night of fireworks



A large crowd watches the display

THE main night of festivities has only just arrived, but Oswestry started its fireworks celebrations early with the annual bonfire in Brogyntyn Park on Saturday.

The evening was organised by Oswestry Town Council and the Treble Niners - a group of retired and retained firefighters - and saw hundreds of people visit the park.

This year's display marked the 27th anniversary of the bonfire evening in the town.

Leader of the Treble Niners, Mike Wilkinson, said: "The atmosphere was most enjoyable and by bringing the community together, then we help fundraise for our local good causes and those less fortunate than ourselves."

Town mayor Councillor Peter Cherrington said: "The personnel of Oswestry Fire Station and their family and friends worked so hard this evening to provide the local community with such an enjoyable evening. We are most grateful to them."

Enrico gets a pizza the action



Enrico Vittore has fulfilled a long-term ambition to open his own bakery

ENRICO Vittore has gone full circle in his colourful life.

The 51-year old Italian, who was born on the floor of his parents' patisserie in Turin, has now opened up his own bakery in Oswestry.

He is selling pizzas and other savouries from a window of Italiano Vero, overlooking Bailey Head and, says he soon hopes to be baking the cakes and pastries 'just like mama used to make'. His savouries are already selling well, with frequent queues outside the window hatch at lunchtimes.

He arrived in the Oswestry area five years ago working at a veterinary assistant.

When the job disappeared he decided to try to fulfil his long-held dream of opening

a bakery. "My family ran a patisserie in Turin for 35 years and my mother taught me to cook," he said. "I worked there until I had to join the army."

Mr Vittore left Italy at the age of 21 and has lived all over Europe.

"I wanted to buy my own premises but I could not get the finances. The banks told me I did not have enough deposit to get a mortgage. Then I walked past these empty kitchens attached to the pub and thought, 'I could run my business from here.' So I went into the pub and asked if I could rent out the kitchens. Now Italiano Vero is open."

"I am looking forward to developing the business into a patisserie, something that is usually only found in big cities."

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Patients still waiting for treatment after 52 weeks

Report by Pam Kingsley

PATIENTS are still waiting longer than a year for treatment at Shropshire's orthopaedic hospital, a meeting heard.

At the end of September there were three patients who had been waiting for treatment at the hospital for more than 52 weeks. Two of those patients were from England while one was from Wales, and all three have appointment dates for November. Some of these patients have elected to wait because of other commitments, board members of the trust that runs Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital were told.

Steve Vaughan, interim director of operations at the hospital, speaking at a trust board meeting last week, said: "Some of the delay is about choice and some is capacity."

Dave happy to complete challenge

A MAN who spent 12 days foraging for food as he travelled by horse and cart from Shropshire to Dolgellau and back has celebrated completing his challenge by having a cooked breakfast and a hot cup of coffee.

Dave Ellis, from Oswestry, took on the journey to raise funds for the Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital's Bone Cancer Centre Appeal. He aimed to make £600 but, with money still coming in, the final tally is set to smash £1,500.

The 65-year-old was raising funds in memory of his late wife Chris, who died of bone cancer on New Year's Eve 2013.

He dreamed up his "living off the land" challenge as an adventure with his much-loved horse Cobby Lad.

He said: "During the course of the trip it almost became a way of life."

"I've had some meat that we found as roadkill, like hedgehog and squirrel, but I've mostly lived off the land, foraging for things like nettles, hawthorns and dandelion roots."

"I'd wake up some mornings to find things like potatoes and carrots had been left for me, and apples for Cobby."

While Mr Ellis avoided any shop-bought food or drink during the journey, he did allow his horse a treat or two along the way. He said: "I stayed off all alcohol during the trip as you need to be totally alert to drive the horse and cart, but Cobby has always enjoyed a pint; and on the trip he did have a couple of ciders."

Day centre opens its doors



Mervin Bowen, 78, Sue Jones, Gill Shore and Berlin Kirkham, 90, are looking forward to going along to the new day centre in Morda

A NEW day centre for older people has opened at a social club in a village near Oswestry.

The new centre is based at Morda Social Club.

The new facility is open to older people who either need some extra support in the lives or simply some company.

The club is being run by Sue Jones from Oswestry, who has 30 years experience in the care sector.

She previously ran the day centre based at the old Fairholme care home on Morda Road on the outskirts of Oswestry.

Sue said: "This is a new club bringing a much-needed facility to the people of Oswestry and the surrounding area."

"Our aim is to bring a range of activities

to older people who, perhaps, need a bit of support in their lives, in a safe, friendly and welcoming environment."

"It may be that they just want a meet like minded people in friendly, sociable surroundings."

"Lunch and refreshments during the day will be provided," she added.

Sue is being joined in her venture by former colleague Gill Shore, who also worked at Fairholme.

The pair said they look forward to meeting customers old and new.

Further details on the new centre can be obtained by calling Sue Jones on (01691) 650513.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

I once vowed to never to put her name in print but I am compelled to condemn a once-respected newspaper for employing Katie Hopkins (there, done it).

The Mail this week plunged to new depths by offering column inches to the attention-seeking Ms Hopkins, who is loosely described on Wikipedia as a British television personality and columnist. Heavily criticised for her outspoken comments on anything from migrants to classism and racism, she is making a small fortune by appearing cheap chat shows.

But The Mail this week proved how desperate they are for sales by allowing her to voice her odious opinions. If sales go up, Ms Hopkins will be hailed, as will be the brave editor who employed her. If sales fall, she will be shuffled back to The Sun and there may be a vacant editor's chair.

Is the British newspaper industry in such a perilous state that owners are prepared to back such drastic action as employing Katie Hopkins (there, I mentioned her again)? It would appear so when such a trusted journal stoops so low.

There is no doubt that the industry is in decline with readers grasping instant news rather than stepping out to buy a paper.

This week I was invited on the Jason Mohammad show on Radio Wales, alongside media guru and former Daily Mirror editor Roy Greenslade to discuss the future of newspapers in Wales.

The debate followed revelations that Trinity Mirror had bought rival newspaper group Local World for £200 million – a move which could lead to job losses and the merger of several respected regional newspapers.

We agreed that the takeover was bad news for journalism while making financial sense for newspaper owners. Competition is key to quality and without such competition you have to fear for the type of journalism we will be offered. More Katie Hopkins-style drivel, I fear.

It's great to see so many companies and individuals in Oswestry getting behind The Chronicle's We Mean Business campaign, which has really captured the imagination of the area.

Oswestry is blessed with many thriving businesses, led by entrepreneurs who are determined to leave a mark. And I was delighted this week to see firm Chronicle supporters GWR Fasteners gain even more recognition.

The company formed by Gary and Jude Robinson won a much-deserved manufacturing achievement gong in the prestigious Made in the Midlands Awards. Former Chronicle Business of the Year Award winners Gary and Jude, and their dedicated staff, typify the spirit in the Oswestry business community.



A project is underway to ensure St Chad's Church in Shrewsbury is kept in a good state of repair



The Flax Mill at Shrewsbury has been at the centre of a project to have it safeguarded



Alberbury Castle is deemed to be at risk by leading heritage experts

County's history remains at risk, experts warn

Shropshire's heritage is under threat, experts have warned. LUCY TODMAN finds out more.

IT is a risk that continues to grow – 98 Shropshire historic sites, including an iconic property on the edge of Oswestry, which are considered under threat.

On the list is Oswestry's historic Brogyntyn Hall – although developers are currently pursuing a project of redevelopment of the surrounding estate which will pave the way to the home being saved.

Although there is an expectation that Brogyntyn Hall will be safe for the future, in the last year 13 sites other sites in Shropshire have been added to the 'at-risk' list, which is compiled by Historic England.

However, 11 Shropshire sites have been removed from the register.

But there is still plenty to be concerned about – scores of building that are slowly, but surely, fading away before our eyes.

Among those added to this year's list is Grade II-listed Trinity Hospital in Clun, which was founded in 1607 by Henry Howard.

English Heritage says the building complex is in "a very poor condition" and some sections have collapsed, with no solution to the upkeep yet agreed.

The Church of St Chad in Shrewsbury has also been placed on to the list although church warden, David Tudor says the status is a mixed blessing, having paved the way for funding applications to fix problems with the nave balustrade.

A grant of £220,000 has been secured from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The church also has another £80,000 of fund-



Developers are working to safeguard Brogyntyn Hall at Oswestry

ing towards the project, with £40,000 from the fundraising activities carried out by the Friends of St Chad's and another £40,000 from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

Mr Tudor said: "I think that the prognosis of being on the at-risk register is something the Heritage Lottery Fund and other trusts take due notice of."

"This is a Grade I-listed building, it is clearly very important to the heritage of Shrewsbury so placing it on the register is something which hopefully gets the funding to do the work and secure the future of the church for generations."

He added: "We are very grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the grant but also to English Heritage for the inspection and putting us on the register. Although it sounds dreadful it provides a focus on what needs to be done."

In south Shropshire the 12th century Church of St Mary in Ashford Carbonel, Church of St John the Baptist in Nash, Church of St Mary in Bitterley, and the Church of St Catherine in Tugford have all been placed on the list, along with the parish church at Boraston and the Church of St Michael and All Angels at Smethcott.

In Shrewsbury the Church of the Holy Trinity at Minsterley and the Church of St Lucia in Upton Magna are also deemed to be at risk.

Wat's Dyke close to Preeshenlle Lane and St Martins Road in Gobowen has also been identified as having minor localised problems as has the ringwork and bailey castle close to Lyndale, Westbury. The red castle in Hawkstone Park, Weston under Redcastle is described as experiencing significant problems, but work to remedy these has

started. Alberbury Castle and Wattleborough Castle, the latter built in the 13th century by Sir Robert Corbet, are also deemed to be at risk.

Modified into a comfortable home over the centuries, Wattleborough is a time capsule where design features dating to the 14th, 16th and 17th centuries can still be seen, from the windows to the fireplaces. On the register since 1998, the ruins have been exposed to the elements and parts of the masonry are crumbling away.

One major Grade I Shropshire building which has remained on the list for a number of years is the Ditherington Flaxmill in Shrewsbury.

The building is still the subject of a long-term regeneration project and although efforts have stalled, the Friends of the Flaxmill Maltings are set to open a visitor centre. Councillor Alan Mosley, chairman of the friends group, said: "I think it has been on the register ever since English Heritage took it over in 2005. They have done a wonderful job of protecting the fabric of the building to stop it getting any worse and making investment where possible." Councillor Mosley said that the project is one which is making progress and will hopefully result in the building being safeguarded for the future.

Dr Sarah Lewis, Heritage at Risk principal for Historic England in the West Midlands, said: "This year's register gives us the most complete sense of the state of our region's heritage yet."

"It shows that we are making progress, but also that the challenge is still significant. We are committed to working with local authorities, civic societies and everyone who is passionate about and values our heritage across England. The very things that help make our region so special are the things most at risk. If they're lost, then a sense of what makes the West Midlands special is lost too. Together we can safeguard our most precious places and buildings for future generations."

WORKING FOR YOU



The last few days have been hugely important for the transport system in mid Wales. Welsh Government minister Edwina Hart has made two very important decisions. One was to announce that a Newtown Bypass is to go ahead; and the other presages the demise of the 'bonkers' one-way system in Welshpool.

Both improvements will have a wider beneficial impact than the towns in which they are located. Both are good news for the development of business and jobs throughout Mid Wales.

The £56 million Newtown Bypass has been a pressing issue in my in-tray for 40 years. It's an understatement to say it's been a long time coming.

Phantom

It was a gestation period of astonishing length, where at times it's seemed as if the pregnancy was phantom. But finally, the redoubtable Mrs Hart has delivered, and the diggers will be in the ground before Christmas. It's only then that the people of Newtown will really believe.

It's not just a boost to Newtown. It's about Llandilo, Caersws and Machynlleth – even Aberystwyth. The businesses on the Mochdre Estate will be able to plan journey times with much greater certainty.

A great many individuals and groups have played their part in this. In the 1970s, there was the late, great Peter Garbett-Edwards, who did so much to create modern Newtown.

There was former Welsh Government transport minister, Ieuan Wyn Jones who made the first firm commitment to a definite date in March 2011.

Economic

There's been Montgomeryshire AM Russell George, who has doggedly maintained pressure on the Government. And there have been others too. I expect us to be driving on the new road in 2017. It's the best economic news possible for Mid Wales.

Mrs Hart has also committed to carrying out the necessary research to scrap most of the Welshpool one-way system. While personally, I'd scrap all of it, returning the 'Back Road' to two-way will create a second east-west through road, and take most traffic away from Broad St and High St.

This will correct a huge mistake made when the Tesco store was built, and that has caused great damage to Mid Wales as well as Welshpool. The change cannot come too soon.

Now we just need 'English' transport ministers to show the same commitment to Mid Wales and build new bypasses at Midletown and Llanyrnnech.

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A: Appointing people as godparents will not entitle them to care for your daughter in the event of your death. The law does not provide godparents with any specific rights in terms of caring for their godchildren following the death of the child's parents. To ensure that your daughter's godparents are able to care for your daughter you will need to appoint them as "testamentary guardians" in a Will.

The Children Act 1989 introduced the concept of parental responsibility. Your daughter's guardians would assume parental responsibility immediately in the event that you were to die before your daughter reached the age of 18. This would enable them to exercise all of the rights and responsibilities which a parent has over a child.

It is important to remember that the appointment of testamentary guardians will only take effect if there is no surviving parent with parental responsibility. You have not mentioned the circumstances relating to your child's father. If he also has parental responsibility for your daughter, this will mean that if he survives you he will be entitled to take over your daughter's care, rather than the testamentary guardians you appoint. Ideally, this is something you should discuss and take advice on together to ensure that you are both content with what will happen if either of you should pass away before your daughter reaches 18.

It is also advisable for anyone with young children to make a Will. If you have not made a Will you should consider making an appointment with a solicitor to do so.

This question has been answered by Victoria Wilson, a partner in our Oswestry office.

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Letters

Some don't desert the sinking ship

THE question was asked, what if the Nazis had invaded?

Life is full of 'what ifs', but the point is, they didn't, did they?

Adolf 'Dolfo' Galland, holder of the Knight's Cross with Diamonds, the highest German award for bravery, was asked what was needed to win the Battle of Britain.

He told his boss Herr Reichsmarschall Goering "a squadron of Spitfires!"

Because of dogged determination the Brits ultimately suffered far more privations than those countries who were overrun.

Great Britain was bombed - wholesale -

cut off and starved of vital supplies. But the point is that the people didn't jump in every available floating bath tub and desert the sinking ship.

They fought for all they held dear.

It should never be forgotten that some of the fiercest fighters were those who fled (migrated) war-torn Europe from Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Some of them were Jews, who joined in with no concern for their personal situation if captured.

The free French under de Gaulle mounted resistance and insurgency from these shores and played a vital role in taking back

Europe. Women and children should undoubtedly be given safe haven, but why are all these blokes migrating from Syria, some having left their families behind? I've not heard of any asking for military training or help to retake their homeland and make it safe for their families.

Or is it that they have no stomach to stand up for themselves and are unhappy to participate even if trained and aided by the western powers?

So probably safest not to attempt to draw comparisons between then and now.

J HARRISON
Whixall

Installation of traffic lights is not always a bright idea

IS it not the case that when traffic lights break down the traffic jams seem to disappear? That is hardly news to a growing body of international researchers.

Roundabouts reduce congestion. Kansas State University measured traffic flow at intersections before and after conversion to roundabouts. In each case, installing a roundabout led to a 20 per cent reduction in delays.

According to America's Insurance Institute for Highway Safety roundabouts secure a 37 per cent fall in overall collisions, a 75 per cent drop in injury collisions, a 90 per cent reduction in fatality collisions and a 40 per cent reduction in pedestrian collisions.

By not having cars idling at traffic lights, American research highlighted by Nevada's highways departments shows roundabouts reduce fuel consumption by 30 per cent and reduce pollution.

The University of Surrey earlier this year reported that because drivers need to decelerate and stop at lights and then rev their engines again when the lights turn green, pollution is 29 times higher than during free-flowing traffic conditions.

Perhaps the Highways Agency and Shropshire Council might share evidence they have that the proliferation of these abominations along the A5 from the Preston Boats roundabout through the Emstrey Island onto the junction with the A49 has made our journeys safer, quicker and less costly?

ANDY THOMPSON
Ketley

Young exposed to propaganda

COMMENT about 16 and 17-year-olds having the intelligence to get involved in big issues such as EU membership is to be welcomed. However, it is a fact that for many years the EU has pumped taxpayer's money into our education system to feed one-sided and biased propaganda into the minds of the young as regards the supposed benefits of the EU.

Many university academics are bought with 'EU' research grants and bursaries provided they support a pro-EU line. If you are exposed to this type of brainwashing from an early age it is difficult to see other points of view that are supported by facts.

In the majority of debates held at academic institutions, when the downside of EU membership and the benefits of regaining our national independence are fully explained to young audiences the debates have invariably gone against EU membership. There are cast iron facts as to why Britain would continue its free trade access to EU markets as already enjoyed by over 100 other countries who are not EU members.

Most enjoy higher living standards by retaining their independence and are able to do free trade deals on their own terms that Britain is not allowed to do.

JONATHAN CARR
Baschurch

Goalmouth action from Victoria Road



This football match between Oswestry Town FC and Buxton was played on Saturday, February 4, 1984, at Oswestry Town's ground, Victoria Road. The result was a 3-3 draw. The gate was 129. The photographer's caption was, 'The Buxton defence in total disarray with the keeper using his fingernails to save a goal.'

Who will foot the bill if council helps migrants?

REGARDING the migrant crisis, not all these people are refugees or asylum seekers. It is well known that among them are Islamic State terrorists and many of these people have been rioting in France and on the Greek islands, but this is well hidden from us by the liberal media, especially the TV news, whose reporting on this issue shows a blatant bias in favour of these people.

Most sane people know that there is a lot of money to be made out of people's suffering, as vested interests are involved, mainly those who work for refugee groups and lawyers who are paid vast sums by the taxpayer to represent asylum seekers.

There is another reason why the council should be on the side of caution on this issue; who is going to pay for these refugees? The council taxpayer, or is the money going to come from council service cuts to education, health, mental health services, transport, elderly care, bus services, street lighting or the emergency services?

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Time to revert right to buy

WE learn that 40 per cent of ex-council houses, purchased under the Right to Buy scheme, are now being let at seven times the original rents, and that because of this £24 billion, yes billion, per year, is being paid to greedy landlords by taxpayers instead of being used to fund new homes.

Those homes should be compulsorily purchased back by councils, and revert to their original use, unless they are accommodating owner occupiers or their family.

WF KERSWELL
Picklescott

I'm ashamed of response to this huge problem

I AM writing to express how ashamed I am of the UK Government's response to the refugee crisis compared to some other European countries.

I cannot understand why we have failed to act in a compassionate way to help those who are genuinely fleeing war and persecution. I hope that our local councillors will work together to provide sanctuary for refugees in a united humanitarian cause.

We should welcome these people into our communities. Germany is looking to the future. With a diminishing younger population and an increasing aged population they will be benefitting from the skilled and educated immigrants. Surely it is short-sighted of our present policies to refuse those of whom 40 per cent are graduates and who can offer enormous benefits to our economy? When we are failing so many of our young people through government cuts to provide them with apprenticeships and training then could we not use those who are trained and have skills?

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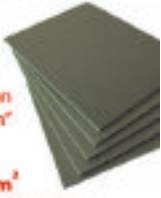
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NEWS IN BRIEF

County MPs vote against tax talks

ALL of Shropshire's MPs have voted against removing a so-called 'tampon tax' on women's sanitary products.

In a House of Commons vote, a motion to open negotiations with the European Union on the five per cent tax on tampons and sanitary products was defeated by 305 votes to 287.

Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies, North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson, Shrewsbury and Atcham MP Daniel Kawczynski, Ludlow MP Phillip Dunne, Wrekin MP Mark Pritchard and Telford MP Lucy Allen all voted against the plan.

The Labour-brought policy had only three Conservative MPs vote against party whips, along with 213 Labour MPs, five DUP MPs, six Liberal Democrats, three members of Plaid Cymru, and two SCLP MPs.

Most SNP MPs also voted in favour, as well as Green MP Caroline Lucas and Ukipp MP Douglas Carswell.

Campaigners have been calling for the tax to be removed from sanitary products to be exempt from tax as they are not a luxury item.

Manfred Mann star in concert

THE former lead singer of Manfred Mann will be performing in Oswestry.

Paul Jones will be joined by his wife Fiona Hendley-Jones, a fellow singer and actress, at Cabin Lane Church, Cabin Lane, on November 15 to sing and to talk about their lives.

The couple met while Paul was treading the boards at the National Theatre in Richard Eyre's Guys and Dolls and since then have recorded several albums together.

Doors open 7pm and the concert will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £5, available from (01691) 650241 or Oswestry Christian Bookshop.

Rail passengers set to face delays frustration

Report by Pam Kingsley

RAIL passengers trying to get around the borders region face a winter of frustration, with station closures and delays expected, Network Rail revealed today.

Passengers who regularly use Gobowen or Chirk stations to travel to Chester and beyond will be the first to see delays, with rail replacement buses between Wrexham and Chester running from Monday until Friday.

And buses will also replace the services between Wrexham and Rhyl this weekend and next weekend.

Trains are being cancelled as part of a scheme to improve journeys between north and south Wales, meaning there will be a number of works on the lines between Wrexham, Chester and Rhyl.

Engineering work will be taking place on the line near Saltney Junction between Wrexham and Chester and involves track work to increase line-speeds and 'doubling' the track between Wrexham and Chester - between Rossett Junction and Saltney Junction.

Nationally, a £150million programme of engineering works was today announced by Network Rail affecting networks and lines around the country and extending over Christmas.

But Network Rail, which manages railways infrastructure, said the work was part of an upgrade plan "aimed at meeting surging demand and improving and expanding our congested railway network".

It insisted its "orange army" of staff would be working around the clock to ensure the work is completed on time.

Youngsters get a sporting chance



Coaches Shelly McGlinchey and Mollie Croxon put on activities for children in Trefonen

A FOOTBALL foundation hosted a five-day, multi-sport holiday camp during half-term.

The New Saints Football Foundation hosted the camp in and around Oswestry as part of its new deal to provide youth activities for the area.

In a shake-up of youth services in Shropshire, the council is commis-

sioning services through its local joint committees.

The foundation says more than 35 boys and girls aged four to 12 attended the free activities. Events were provided in Gobowen, Weston Rhyn, St Martins, Trefonen, Morda, and Llanyrnnech.

Each session offered a range of

indoor and outdoor activities from dodgeball to fencing. Foundation officer Gill Jones said: "The children really enjoyed the activities and we look forward to planning our next camp for February half-term."

The foundation holds a Street-Games sports club on Wednesdays from 7pm at The Centre, Oak Street.

Authority's £13m bill for county roadworks

MORE than £13 million has been spent maintaining Shropshire's road network over the past year, new figures have revealed.

Repairs have been carried out on roads across the county, while cash has also been spent on replacement road signs and new road markings.

Contractors carried out 18,506 jobs on more than 2,000 roads in the Shropshire Council area between August 1 last year and July 31, which includes road markings and replacing street signs but not street light repairs.

The figures, released under the Freedom of Information Act, include work on A road, B roads and unclassified routes, but not motorways or trunk roads - such as the A5 and A49 in the south of the county - that are the responsibility of Highways England.

Officials at Shirehall were not able to put a cost on roadworks alone, but said the authority had spent £13.134 million on highways during the 2014/15 financial year.

Steve Brown, Shropshire Council's highways, transport and environmental maintenance commissioning manager, said: "The condition of Shropshire's roads is average considering the network as a whole."

"But there are concerns about the condition of some minor roads, which form 3,319km, or 65 per cent, of the road network. These minor roads, typically consisting of little pavement structure, are at most risk of rapid deterioration."

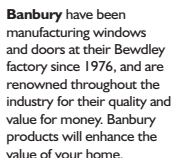
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Actress Cia signed up by academy

A YOUNG actress has become the first to sign up to a new acting academy.

Cia Whittall, 11, from Oswestry, is working with Rocking Horse Studios in the town on a feature length film being shot in the area.

She has now become officially signed up with agent, Gareth Thomas, also from Oswestry, who says he hopes others will fulfil their ambitions through Rocking Horse Studios.

Cia, a pupil at the Marches School, plays the part of young Jess in the film, Run for Your Life, which is currently being shot. It tells the story of a young girl who uses sport and an unlikely friendship to overcome the bullying faced in her everyday life.

Mr Thomas, the writer and producer of Run for Your Life and now officially Cia's agent, said: "I hope will can set the standard for other local young actors and actresses and show young people with ambitions that it is possible to achieve them."

"It is a great achievement for Cia and will hopefully make her the first in a long line of graduates through the academy in the years to come."

The older Jess is played by another local actress, Christie Kelly.

Police plea over theft of bicycle

A 40-YEAR-OLD bike with sentimental value has been stolen from a store in Llanfyllin.

The black bike with pannier mounts was used when the original Spar shop in the town was opened in 1975.

Constable Bob Beaman, of Dyfed-Powys, said the cycle, which had two flat tyres, was taken sometime on Monday morning. Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101.

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Jane Rees, owner of The Oak Furniture Shop in Bailey Street, Oswestry

NEWS IN BRIEF

Choir in Poppy Appeal concert

A MALE voice choir will perform a concert in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

The Orthopaedic Male Voice Choir, based in Oswestry, will perform a concert at West Felton Village hall on November 6, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are available on the door.

The Poppy Appeal is the main fundraising activity for the Royal British Legion and last year it raised £36.6 million nationally.

Andy Young, chairman of the choir, said: "We are privileged and honoured to take part in this concert to mark the start of the Remembrance weekend. With so many conflicts around the world it is important that we take time to remember the sacrifices made by millions of people many to protect the freedom and integrity of countries and cultures around the world."

Through the appeal and other activities the Royal British Legion is able to spend £1.7 million each and every week in supporting serving and ex-servicemen, women and their dependants.

Awards handed to Rotary club

OSWESTRY Cambrian Rotary club has been presented with two awards.

The town's mayor, Councillor Peter Cherrington, presented the club with a certificate for service to the community at a volunteers' ball at the Wynnstay Hotel.

The club was then presented with a trophy for the best website by Rotary district governor Chris Sumner at a district council meeting at Wrexham.

The Oswestry Cambrian club meets at the Wynnstay Hotel on Thursdays at 7.30pm.

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The workshops are aimed at drivers aged 65 years and older. They will focus on issues such as driving licence requirements, the effects of medication, personal safety while driving, winter driving, the dangers of drink-driving and not wearing seatbelts. The workshops run from 10am to 12 noon on November 26 in Welshpool and December 2 in Newtown.

To book on the workshop contact road.safety@powys.gov.uk or phone 01686 611586.

Investor in People accolade for firm

A TIMBER company has been awarded an Investors in People award.

SCA Timber Supply UK in Welshpool has earned the accreditation after meeting 45 requirements.

John Griffiths, managing director of the firm, said: "It is very rewarding to have gained Investors in People accreditation at the first attempt. We are committed to developing our team and have worked tirelessly to enhance our communication and employee progression at all levels.

"Our evolving business is highly dependent upon having a well-informed and motivated team. We are all working to a common objective of high customer service levels and acceptable shareholder return whilst making sure SCA is a great place to work."

Police survey hints at local courts shake-up

Report by Andrew Morris

COURTS should be sitting in new venues and at more convenient times, it has been claimed.

Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Christopher Salmon said a survey of residents in Mid Wales found that a majority of people think courts should sit outside office hours.

Mr Salmon said he will consider the public's views – which also include sitting in other local buildings rather than traditional courtrooms – as part of his work with the Criminal Justice Board.

He said: "The public want local justice to be more flexible with its locations and timings. They want it to be local, accessible and in tune with modern lifestyles.

"This reflects a demand for a return to local justice. In years gone by, magistrates and courts would have come to the people.

"Increasingly over recent years people have had to travel further to their courts.

"I will report the public's thoughts to criminal justice board members."

The public views came in a survey which Mr Salmon ran this summer. More than 800 people answered a total of around 10,000 questions on subjects including local justice.

Results suggest a desire for courts to sit in community council chambers – 66 per cent of those who responded, other community buildings – 25 per cent, and schools – nine per cent. The Dyfed-Powys public would also like to see courts held on evenings and weekends.

Award scheme to celebrate community



Chris Fuller, chairman of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales with Jules Hudson and Andrew Turner, partner at estate agents Morris, Marshall and Poole

VILLAGERS throughout Montgomeryshire are being urged to get involved in a Best Kept Village competition in 2016 – and this time it won't be about immaculate lawns and floral displays.

The Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales' Montgomeryshire branch, in conjunction with estate agents Morris, Marshall and Poole, has launched a pilot competition looking at recognising the local community.

The competition was launched by broadcaster and journalist Jules Hudson, best known for presenting the BBC's Countryfile and A Place in the Country, who is also President of the CPRW.

"It's great to see the launch of such an inspiring competition that will get villages looking at just how important they are when it comes to the lives of people who live in them and the local environment," Mr Hudson said.

More details about the Best Kept Village can be found at www.facebook.com/cprwmontgomeryshire or by emailing chrisfuller61@hotmail.com

AM calls for co-ordination of transport

TRAIN and bus timetables between Shropshire and Mid Wales need to be co-ordinated to help people relying on public transport.

Russell George, Montgomeryshire AM, said both the Welsh Government and Powys County Council need to work together to improve the connection times.

He said he has written to Edwina Hart, the Welsh Government's minister for transport and Powys County Council to highlight the lack of integrated connections between buses and trains in Mid Wales.

"The bus from Rhayader to Shrewsbury via Llanidloes, Caersws and Newtown runs every two hours in both directions and I have been informed that the bus is very slightly but critically out of sync with the train connections in both directions.

"It arrives in Caersws one minute before the train is due to leave. For the returning train, it leaves Caersws four minutes after the train arrives."

New national role for tourism chief

A TOURISM chief from Mid Wales has been named as one of the new leaders of a national body.

Retired Countryside Council for Wales chief executive Paul Loveluck, from Montgomery, has been named vice chairman of the Wales Tourism Alliance.

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Law firm makes new appointments

ONE of the area's largest law firms has announced the appointment of two new solicitors.

GHP Legal, which has offices in Wrexham, Oswestry, Llangollen and Chirk, has appointed Heather Foulkes and Hywel Jones, both of whom will be based in the firm's Oswestry office.

As well as handling traditional residential property sales, purchases, remortgages and leases, Heather specialises in dealing with right to buy schemes, transfers of equity, equity release and lifetime mortgages, MOD LSAP and shared ownership transactions.

Born into a farming family and currently vice-captain of COBRA rugby club, Hywel will be focusing on residential property sales and agricultural matters, including the acquisition and sale of farms and land.

Senior partner Richard Lloyd said: "Heather and Hywel bring with them not only legal expertise, but a great deal of energy and enthusiasm and this will help us to further develop our services to property clients."

Recycling scheme has £6k prize pot

OSWESTRY Household residents are being urged to do all they can to recycle – and win part of a £6,000 prize pot.

More than half of waste in homes is recycled in Shropshire, according to waste contractor Veolia. But bosses at the firm believe more can be done.

To address the issue, the firm has started the prizegiving campaign.

Each month Veolia will randomly select one address from each of its collection areas in Shropshire, including Oswestry. If the property selected is recycling in the right way, they will receive a voucher for £100 which they can donate to a Shropshire charity.

Youth sessions set up to keep young occupied

Report by Pam Kingsley

OPEN youth sessions have started in Oswestry after young people in the town asked for "somewhere to go and more to do".

Fusion Arts Oswestry has started the new sessions at The Centre in Oak Street after being successful in its youth commissioning bid to Shropshire Council.

Sessions are being run from 4pm to 9pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 3pm on a Saturday, and sessions will run throughout school holidays as well as in term time.

The sessions are free to young people aged between 10 and 18, or up to 24 for those with a learning disability.

Shropshire Councillor Vince Hunt, who is also chairman of the Oswestry Local Joint Committee and on The Centre's management committee, said he was delighted to see the sessions starting and said he hopes young people in the town will enjoy having more to do after school and at weekends.

He said: "This is in response to young people wanting somewhere to go and more to do. The provision of our six-day service is more than twice that of the previous service. Alongside this open session supervised by Fusion Arts, The Centre will be arranging paid for sessions to be offered in the other varied spaces the building has to offer. These will be at a minimal charge to the young people where possible, and some activities may be free."

"Currently we have interest to provide a teen weightlifting class, circuit training, yoga, fencing with swords, multi-sport non-competitive sessions, BMX and skate session, next generation gaming, drama classes and a board games club, just to name a few."

Quiet seaside life suits student Tom



Tom Moore has decided to live in a caravan rather than students' halls of residence

A STUDENT has found the perfect location to study in peace away from the rowdy university halls of residence – by living in a caravan a stone's throw from the sea.

Tom Moore, from Llansilin, near Oswestry, started a degree in countryside conservation at Aberystwyth University in September.

But instead of joining his fellow freshers in halls, the 23-year-old decided he wanted to enjoy the spectacular scenery by living in a caravan on a campsite 10 miles away from the university. He said: "I love the opportunity to live by the sea in a caravan. The sound of the sea and the birds is wonderful. Being sur-

rounded by mountains and the sea, it's a perfect environment."

"My uncle was selling his and said why don't you live in a caravan, it's much cheaper. He's right, student digs also cost more – about £4,000 a year, while the caravan costs £2,000 a year – and I've got the caravan as an asset as well."

Communities set to have 'a big role' says chief

COMMUNITIES will play a bigger role than ever before to ensure services traditionally run by councils are maintained.

That's the view of Clive Wright, chief executive of Shropshire Council, who said that communities would have to take on some services to ensure the authority can be self sufficient.

It comes after it was announced Shropshire Council would have to cut £77 million from its budget over the next five years, with an intention to become a "commissioning council" and to ensure its finances are sustainable.

Council Leader Keith Barrow has admitted that services will disappear, although those affected have not yet been revealed.

He said that the public would be quizzed before the end of the year on their council priorities as part of a consultation called "the big conversation".

Mr Wright said: "At the moment we live in a model where it is down to the council to provide things, but with the money we have in the future it will be more about what is important and valued by communities and how can they contribute to keeping some of those things going that we cannot afford to do."

"That can be play areas, libraries, where by involving the community you have local ownership, they can retain the service locally, it's not a bland service across the council and they can do it for a lot less."

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season.

The town of Welshpool is no
different and plans are already in
place for another superb Christ-
mas time.

One of the town's biggest festive
events is the Welshpool Winter Fe-
stival.

This year the event will be held on
Saturday, December 5, from 10am to
4pm.

As you would expect the town centre
festival is jam packed with activities
and attractions for people of all ages.

One of the main attractions is a
traditional Christmas street market,
giving visitors a chance to pick up and
browse through some great festive gift
ideas. Further gift ideas are available
at the festival's craft fair.

And to add to the festive spirit, there
will be entertainment put on through-
out the day and throughout the town.

Among the groups taking part in
the Winter Festival is the Montgome-
ryshire Wildlife Trust.

Once again this year the trust will
be giving visitors a chance to make
their own eco-friendly Christmas de-
corations with natural materials. All
ages can have a go at creating unique
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or garden. A small charge will be made
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The start of the Christmas season in
Welshpool will be formally signalled on
Friday, December 4, when the town's
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It is well known for its good mix of small independent shops which sit alongside larger chain store and supermarkets.

The friendly welcome you will receive when you visit Welshpool is the main reason visitors come back again

and again. The town and the surrounding area has many pubs and high quality restaurants.

Sitting near the border of England and Wales, the town has an interesting history. In English it was initially known as Pool but its name was changed to Welshpool in 1835 to distinguish it from the English town of Poole.

One of its biggest draws is the majestic Powis Castle and its beautiful estate. The seat of the Earl of Powis, the castle is known for its extensive,

attractive formal gardens, terraces, parkland, deer park and landscaped estate.

The property is under the care of the National Trust.

Princess Victoria – later Queen Victoria – visited the castle as a child when her mother took her to tour England and Wales in 1832.

Another of the town's many attractions is the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway. The light railway once ran through the town to the Cambrian Line railway station.

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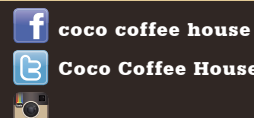
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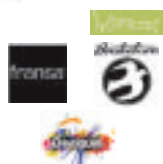
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Landlords Nick and Angela O'Connor acknowledge this latest development is yet another very positive enhancement to this increasingly busy and vibrant area of Oswestry.

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Old Chapel Court offers great retail experience

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NICK and Angela O'Connor, owners of Old Chapel Court in Oswestry, are delighted to have won the award for the **Best Commercial Premises** in this year's Oswestry in Bloom Awards, as well as the Oswestry Town Council Floral Award Scheme 2105 Shield which was presented by the Mayor Councillor Peter Cherrington.

Nick and Angela can often be seen tending to the flowers and keeping the courtyard clean and presentable and they gratefully acknowledge the many kind and favourable comments from passers-by.

Attractive

Nick says he feels it is important to keep the courtyard looking as attractive as possible, thereby making it a pleasant experience for visitors.

He says that will hopefully encourage them to use the shops and services within the courtyard.

He also thinks the huge amount of work invested by members of the town council and all the people who enter the Oswestry in Bloom competition has an extremely positive effect in keeping Oswestry on the map as a vibrant and inviting place to visit.

Old Chapel Court has previously been described as a hidden gem.

But it is now in its 15th year as a retail courtyard.

Nick says he would like to think there are not so many people left who have yet to discover its charms.



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Architect claims award for innovative house design

AN architectural designer based in Oswestry has won an award for his "innovative design" of a new house in the town.

Craig Marston, of Ke-design, was presented with a commendation award by Oswestry and District Civic Society for his work designing a three-bedroom detached house in Cherry Tree Drive.

It was the first new-build house to be designed by Ke-design in Oswestry, and it was the only new property to be commended at the Civic Society's Building Awards ceremony last week.

Report by Pam Kingsley

Mr Marston said he was delighted to receive the award and hoped it would encourage others to "be more imaginative" when designing new houses.

He said: "It's great to receive praise from the Civic Society as they don't give many awards – indeed the society didn't actually present any awards for buildings last year because they didn't feel there was anything of significant quality."

"We have had nothing but praise for the house and it shows that if designers are willing to consider housing in the modern context, people do appreciate it."

"We held an open house back in May when we had about 100 people through the door who all praised the contemporary look and the simple open-plan layout, asking why weren't more new houses designed like this."

Chairman of the Civic Society, Saffron Rainey, said the award judges had been impressed with the quality of the building.

He said: "The society thought the design was innovative and of good quality, sitting comfortably in its established environment."

"It is a well-considered, modern house on a site in an existing housing estate that respects the scale, rooflines and the window proportions of its neighbours."



Award-winning designer Craig Marston with David Pallatina, of DGP builders

Over 100 items left behind on buses each day

MORE than 100 forgotten and mislaid items are left behind on buses each day across the Arriva Midlands network – including children and pets.

Missing items found by Arriva including everything from false teeth and umbrellas, to musical instruments, walking frames and even a few children in prams.

The company has received more than 35,000 phone calls from customers this year alone, all desperate to be reunited with their possessions.

Keith Myatt, regional marketing and communications manager for Arriva Midlands, said: "If you can name it, we've probably found it on the back of a bus at some point."

"We've had lonesome dogs, live ferrets, glass eyes, prosthetic limbs, handcuffs, and all manner of weird and wonderful bits and pieces. While it sounds entertaining, we know only too well how distressing forgetting things on public transport can be, so we really want to make it easier for our customers to get in touch with us."

"Our depots are full of things that need to find their rightful home, which is why we are asking people to go online rather than phoning us, as social media really is the most immediate way of alerting our local teams to your despair. With more and more people using Twitter and Facebook as their favoured means of communication, the likelihood of someone finding and posting about something they have found on-board is quite high."

"By using our hashtag of #FindMeArriva we can ensure that our dedicated customer service teams can monitor feeds, respond and hopefully return lost property faster than they ever could previously."

People can also contact the customer services team via the live chat facility at www.arrivabus.co.uk/lost-property

Police chief hails drones benefits

USING drones to gather evidence will help protect communities, a police chief said today.

The comments come after West Mercia Police revealed it will start a six-month trial using drone technology in January, covering both the West Mercia and Warwickshire areas.

West Mercia Police's temporary assistant chief constable, Nav Malik, said: "We believe small, unmanned aircraft can bring a number of benefits to operational policing. Using drones could allow the police service to expand air operations in a cost-effective way, helping to further protect communities from harm."

"During the trial we will use drones in two ways: they may be deployed to an incident as a resource to assist

or they may be used in a pre-planned operation.

"One area we are keen to explore is how drones may be able to assist officers in locating a missing person in a rural area. In theory, a drone should be able to help us search a large area quickly using aerial photography and thermal imaging equipment. This can be viewed from the ground to direct officers to a location faster. We look forward to seeing how this could work."

"Drones can also help us gather evidence to support a prosecution; for example, taking aerial photographs of a collision or crime scene."

The independent Trust, Integrity and Ethics Committee, which monitors both forces, will scrutinise the proposed use of drones before the trial begins.

Election candidate

Plaid Cymru has named its candidate for the police and crime commissioner elections in Dyfed-Powys next year.

Dafydd Llywelyn will represent the party for the post, which is currently held by Christopher Salmon.

Mr Llywelyn said: "Communities in Wales deserve police and crime commissioners who will stand up against the UK Conservative government's funding cuts. I promise to put the safety and well-being of communities ahead of party politics."

"I want to develop new and innovative solutions to deliver policing and reduce crime. It is my and my party's goal to make policing work for the benefit of our communities."

Mr Llywelyn is a teaching fellow in criminology at Aberystwyth University, and is a former crime and intelligence analyst for Dyfed-Powys Police.

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"I WAS DESPERATE TO LIVE, NOT TO DIE"

"I HAVE battled with Depression for years, and more recently Anxiety has joined in the fray. They ruled and ruined my life and I blamed them."

I eventually lost hope and I lost my way. If it wasn't for my wonderful daughter I may not be here to tell my story. However, she intervened and I sought help (again). But this time I was desperate. Desperate to live, not to die, not to exist but to really live. I saw my doctor and was referred to the mental health team where I met someone with a truly open mind who saw my desperation and offered up an alternative therapy to work in conjunction with more traditional support of prescription pills and counselling. Now, before I go on, I want to state quite openly that my Counsellor and the drugs helped, a lot. My Counsellor has been amazing – truly helped me face my demons and work through them. The prescription drugs have helped me sleep, stopped the panic attacks and given me a level playing field to work on.

However the speed in which I have recovered and grown can only be the result of my Miruji journey which has been truly impressive. It took a huge effort to get myself to my appointment and quite honestly I didn't think I'd be able to get through the initial interview. In fact, I had a panic attack there and then, right in front of Alan, the owner, and I don't think either of us thought I'd get through the first session. But with his patience and my determination we settled down to talk through my issues. I was then settled into the Miruji chair, headphones in place and told to try and relax. Seriously? I thought. 15 minutes later Alan returned to the room and I was, quite frankly, stunned at how much calmer I felt. We talked more and agreed to start the therapy straight away. And I haven't regretted it one bit.

There are two parts to my Miruji therapy, and as yet I still struggle with the first. The first is the beach with broad-spectrum lighting. I am still unable to sit in peace and quiet and just 'chill'. But I am working up to it. And

I will definitely be making myself use it as the nights draw in and the days become duller. I've lived in Norway and had to deal with Seasonal Affective Disorder and the benefits of broad-spectrum lighting are well recognised there and in Alaska. It basically fools your brain into believing there's sunshine. As well as that benefit, you sit there quietly listening to recordings of waves lapping at the shore and gazing at a mural of a tropical beach – heaven.

The second part is the Miruji chair. A huge contraption with built in massage features. It gently (or not so gently) kneads your neck, shoulders back and feet. You can opt to recline or sit upright – whatever is most comfortable. And for 15 to 40 minutes you just sit and let it do its work. It works on three levels, firstly you are forced to sit and do nothing. How often do any of us do that? That in itself is healthy, just sitting, relaxing. Secondly, the tired muscles are kneaded and the knots of a weeks worth of stress are loosened and you are left feeling much more relaxed. And finally there are the recordings played through the headphones. All positive messages, supporting your mental well-being. What hit me first and deeply was the message about problems. Change the word problem to challenge and suddenly you don't feel overwhelmed with issues, there are just new challenges to be met. Sounds simple? It is. But we become entrenched in our own negative self talk and Depression takes that to a whole new level where you feel worthless or angry or even just overwhelmed. Another message is 'you are worth it' or 'you deserve it' – another powerful positive message that has transformed my thinking. There's a tape about an eagle who is teaching her fledgling to fly – try, try, try again and believe it will happen. Again, positive. Somehow these messages, spoken calmly whilst you are relaxed sink deep inside and even though when you get off the chair and head home you may sometimes wonder what was the point, later on in the week you remember a snippet of the tape that relates to a current issue and you

realise that you are healing.

I am a much more positive person now. I recognise that I could equate my life before Miruji as a hurdle race. Every problem was a hurdle that I would sometimes jump clean over or sometimes knock flat, but I always stopped and picked up the hurdle and carried it with me, so I was constantly weighed down with failures. Now,

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Council moves to seal energy deal

SHROPSHIRE Council has agreed to pursue the formation of a partnership with an energy supply company to help generate additional income.

Under proposals approved by the council's cabinet the new partnership will provide competitively-priced energy, designed to give "some stability to the local energy market and a better deal for Shropshire residents".

The council says the proposal will also help to deliver a range of other benefits, including stimulating economic development, addressing fuel poverty and environmental issues, and making savings through energy efficiencies. The cabinet has now agreed to carry out an open procurement process to identify a licensed energy supplier as a potential partner.

Bidders will be asked to put forward their proposed options and delivery models for consideration. As well as proposals for raising income through energy supply, they will also be asked to submit other propositions for raising income.

Group celebrates its anniversary

THERAPISTS from across Shropshire and Mid Wales met for a training day to celebrate a group's landmark anniversary.

The session to mark the 21st birthday of the Forum for Counsellors and Psychotherapists included a talk on "creativity and neuroscience" followed by a birthday celebration with cake.

The event was hosted by Mercedes Fonfria at the Sunstone Centre at Hope House Children's Hospice, near Oswestry.

New members are welcome to join the forum.

For more information visit www.forum4counsellors.co.uk

Top award for town's upgraded CCTV system

Report by Pam Kingsley

OSWESTRY'S volunteer-run CCTV system has been hailed the best special project in the UK.

Oswestry Town Council was also runner-up in the best council in England and Wales award by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC).

Town mayor Councillor Peter Cherrington said it was a "remarkable achievement" that the town's authority was recognised.

The first 11 closed-circuit television cameras was installed with £112,000 funding from Oswestry Town Council in 2001.

The entire system was upgraded last year with new cameras and an upgraded control room at a cost of £68,000.

It is staffed entirely by volunteers based in Oswestry's police station, and is recognised as one of the best volunteer-run systems in Britain.

Councillor Cherrington added: "Being shortlisted reflects the incredible hard work, commitment and effort of all councillors and officers, and shows it has been recognised at national level.

"To be shortlisted is a remarkable achievement in itself and our gratitude has to go to the town clerk and the staff.

"I'm extremely delighted that Oswestry has been recognised in this way for all the hard work of members of staff, particularly David Preston, our clerk, who has shown through the portfolio he put together for the judges just what a proactive council this is. We are getting recognition from numerous other councils who have come to see what we do, and we have been invited to speak to other councils as well, in Bridgnorth and Wellington."



Oswestry Town Council clerk David Preston receives the award from Cllr Ken Browne, chairman of NALC

Parents hit with fines for absence

MORE than 2,000 fines have been handed to parents in Shropshire over the past three years for taking their children out of school for unauthorised holidays.

The figures suggest more families are choosing to take a hit in the pocket rather than pay for more expensive breaks during school holidays.

A further 175 fines have also been issued to parents across the county for issues such as poor attendance or truancy, according to the figures.

The high number of cases has been attributed to changes in legislation.

Under laws that came into force in September 2013, headteachers cannot authorise absences from lessons for term-time holidays and can only permit leave in 'exceptional circumstances'.

In the Shropshire Council area, in 2012/13 149 parents received fines for unauthorised holidays, while 59 fines were handed out for truancy or poor attendance.

The following year the number of fines issued for unauthorised holidays rose to 311 but fell to 48 for truancy and poor behaviour. In 2014/15 258 fines were handed out for holidays and 24 for other absences.

Calls for speed cut at schools

NEW 20mph speed limits should be brought in on roads outside every school in Shropshire in the interests of pupils' safety, it has been claimed.

Green Party campaigners believe there is "overwhelmingly strong" evidence that the reduced limit is needed. They want Shropshire Council to follow the example of Lancashire County Council, which has introduced a general 20mph limit on all residential roads.

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The following recipe serves up to six.

You'll need:
1.5kg Potatoes, medium sized, peeled
900g parsnips, medium sized, peeled
2 tbsp plain flour
1 tbsp fresh thyme, chopped, plus a few sprigs
6-8 tbsp rapeseed oil
12 shallots, peeled
200g pancetta, roughly chopped
6 whole bay leaves
Sea salt and black pepper

What to do:
Preheat oven to 200°C/Gas 6
Cut any large potatoes in half and all of the parsnips in half lengthways, then cook the potatoes in boiling, salted water until par-boiled. Meanwhile, cook the parsnips in the same way in another pan for 4 minutes. Drain the potatoes well then return to the pan and cover, then shake the pan to roughen the edges of the potatoes. Drain the parsnips and toss them in the flour, chopped thyme and seasoning. Next, pour the rapeseed oil into a large roasting tin and heat in the oven; you need around 1cm of oil in the tin. Add the potatoes and turn them over



This tasty dish takes up a matter of minutes in preparation time

in the oil. Roast uncovered for 15-20 minutes, remove the tin from the oven and turn the potatoes, and add the parsnips and shallots and turn them in the oil too. Roast for a further 35-40 minutes, then turn all of the vegetables again and add the pancetta.

Increase the heat to 220°C/Gas 7 for a further 15-20 minutes, adding the thyme sprigs and bay leaves for the final 10. Sprinkle with a little sea salt and black pepper.

Recipe from: www.UKshallot.com



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Attack plan for 'silent killer'

WITH six out of 10 UK adults suffering from high cholesterol, it's time we did something about it.

Here KEELEY BOLGER reveals your plan of attack:

It's known as the 'silent killer' for good reason.

The symptoms for high cholesterol are hard to pinpoint, meaning a heart attack could be the first sign something is wrong. And because more than half of UK adults have raised levels, according to charity Heart UK, this is an enormous health issue.

If you're unsure what cholesterol is, it's a waxy, fatty substance, mainly made in the liver – but can also be found in certain foods.

There's both 'good' and 'bad' cholesterol.

The appropriately named 'good cholesterol' (high density lipoprotein cholesterol, or HDL) protects your body by removing excess cholesterol from your blood to your liver, where it is removed from your body. It also supports the membranes in cells.

But high levels of 'bad cholesterol', or to give it its full name, low-density lipoprotein (LDL), can collect in the walls of your blood vessels, causing blockages and narrowing your artery walls.

This can put you at greater risk of cardiovascular problems, including heart disease and stroke.

HOW CAN I GET TESTED?

A blood test can measure your levels of good and bad cholesterol.

Your GP might suggest a test if you're diabetic, have high blood pressure, if you've had heart disease, a stroke, family history of heart disease or a cholesterol-related illness (Familial Hypercholesterolaemia).



A blood test is a simple way of measuring your cholesterol levels

LIFESTYLE

Lifestyle factors play a big part. Smoking, an unhealthy diet and a lack of physical activity can lead to higher levels of bad cholesterol.

Experts suggest cutting down on the amount of fatty food you eat (so opt for leaner cuts of meat, grill rather than fry and limit your biscuit and cake intake), including more fruit and veg in your diet, taking regular exercise and giving up smoking.

Your doctor might also suggest taking statins to lower your cholesterol levels. And it can

help to know your family's medical history too.

DANGER SIGNS

The problem is that there are no obvious symptoms for high cholesterol.

In some cases, pain on walking can flag up high cholesterol as it may be caused by a blockage to an artery that feeds the big muscles. But often, it's a stroke or heart attack that reveals something is awry.

FOODS

Add some of these to your daily diet to help lower your cholesterol, suggests the cholesterol charity Heart UK:

Soya foods: Naturally low in saturated fat, studies show that as little as 15g of soya protein a day, found in things like edamame beans, tofu and soya milk, can lower your cholesterol by around 6%.

Nuts: A handful of nuts (30-35g) a day could



Fatty foods such as a fried breakfast can increase the level of harmful cholesterol

lower your cholesterol by an average of 5%.

Oats and barley: These grains are rich in beta glucan, a form of soluble fibre, which prevents cholesterol from being absorbed in the intestines.

Seeds: These are a natural source of cholesterol-lowering plant sterols and stanols, which are also found in fruits and vegetables, vegetable oils, nuts and whole grains.

Fruit and vegetables: Low in saturated fat, they're also a source of cholesterol-lowering

soluble fibres. Try to eat at least one pulse (beans, peas, lentils) each day, as well as sweet potato, aubergine, okra, broccoli, apples, strawberry and prunes, also rich sources of soluble fibre.

Unsaturated fats: We need to avoid saturated fat where possible, staying below 20g per day for women and 30g for men. But it's important to replace it with unsaturated fats, which can be found in vegetable, nut and seed oils, avocado, oily fish and nuts.

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STAY WELL THIS WINTER

Keeping those ailments at bay

Winter conditions can be seriously bad for our health, especially for people aged 65 or older and people with long-term conditions.

The cold and damp weather, ice, snow and high winds can all aggravate any existing health problems and make us more vulnerable to illnesses that are more common in winter.

Being cold can raise the risk of increased blood pressure, heart attacks and strokes. But there are lots of things you can do to stay well this winter.

Feeling unwell?

Don't wait – get advice from your nearest pharmacist. Winter can make existing health problems worse. So if you feel like you're coming down with something, even if it's just a cough or a cold, don't wait until it gets worse. Act quickly. Pharmacists are fully qualified to advise you on the best course of action.

Is your medicine cabinet ready for the winter?

Most common winter ailments, such as a cold, sore throat, cough, sinusitis or middle ear infection, can't be treated with antibiotics. The best thing to do is:

- Rest
- Drink plenty of fluids
- Have at least one hot meal a day to keep your energy levels up
- Talk to your pharmacist for advice on getting any pain relief you need such as paracetamol or ibuprofen.

Take medicines as directed

If you've been prescribed antibiotics or any other medication, make sure you take them as directed.

Make sure you get your flu jab

The flu virus strikes in winter and it can be far more serious than you think. That's why the flu jab is free if you're aged 65 or over. Just speak to your GP.

A MAJOR drive to help people stay well this winter has been launched by Public Health England and NHS England.

The NHS Stay Well This Winter campaign is urging people aged 65 or over, or those with long-term health conditions, such as diabetes, stroke, heart disease or respiratory illness, to prepare for winter with advice on how to ward off common illnesses.

The campaign is asking the public to:

- If you start to feel unwell, even if it's just a cough or a cold, then get help from your pharmacist quickly before it gets more serious.
- Make sure you get your flu jab if eligible.

- Keep yourself warm – heat your home to least 18C or (65F) if you can.

- Make sure you get your prescription medicines before pharmacies close on Christmas Eve.

- Always take your prescribed medicines as directed.

The Stay Well This Winter campaign will make sure that people have the information they need to help them look after themselves this winter and also to know the



Pharmacists are fully qualified to advise you on the best treatment



The campaign is urging people to prepare for winter

best place to go for urgent advice, whether that's their local pharmacy, NHS Choices, NHS phone number 111 or accident and emergency.

As in previous years the flu vaccine programme is an important part of this campaign.

The adult flu vaccine will be offered free to those in groups at

particular risk of infection and complications from flu including those aged 65 or over, those aged under 65 with long-term health conditions, pregnant women and carers.

Vaccination

This year, for the first time, all our youngest primary school children will be eligible to receive the free

nasal spray vaccine, making this the largest school-based vaccination programme in England involving children in 17,000 schools.

The children's flu vaccine programme will seek to help more than three million two to six year olds, as the programme is extended to children in school Years 1 and 2.

Parents are encouraged to complete consent forms in order to allow immunisation teams to administer the nasal spray flu vaccine to their children.

For those children in areas where the vaccination is not offered through schools, they will be offered the vaccination at their local GP or pharmacy.

Are you 65 or over?

If you feel like you're getting a cough or a cold, get advice from your pharmacist before it gets more serious.

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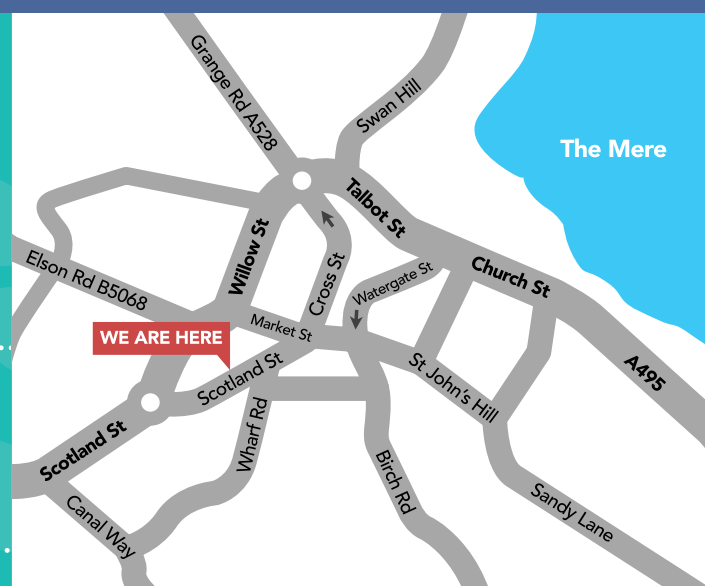
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School gets set for its festive fair

THE Marches School in Oswestry will be holding its Christmas fair on November 28 to raise funds for the Oswestry branch of the Guide Dogs Association.

From 10.30am to 3pm there will be a host of family activities at the school, including real reindeers, a male voice choir, a variety of stalls, a prize raffle and a visit from Father Christmas. Micro Plus Computers has donated the star prize for the raffle and Ball Sports Community Coaching has provided the reindeers.

Entry to the event and parking in the school car park is free. Alternatively, there will be a free shuttle bus from Festival Square to the school.

Jo White, event organiser, said: "The event really helps to bring on the festive spirit and gets everyone in the mood for Christmas. We are thoroughly looking forward to this year's event and are hugely grateful to all the local businesses who have so kindly donated wonderful prizes for the raffle and supported the event."

For more information, or to book a stall for a small fee, call Jo White on (01691) 664407. Money raised from the event will be donated to Guide Dogs Oswestry.

Trail winners revealed

Report by Pam Kingsley

THE winners of a trail through a town centre that saw shops and businesses putting clues in their windows have been announced.

More than 20 businesses in Oswestry took part in the trail organised by the town's Footfall Partnership by putting letters in their windows for participants to find. After collecting the letters, participants had to make a series of words to win the prize.

The winning phrase was 'creative use of empty space'.

This year's children's winner was six-year-old Holly Evison. The adult winner was Mark Perez.

Amy Gregory, Footfall Partnership committee member, said: "The feedback on the trail from those who participated has been excellent and we look forward to planning out the next one."

"Activities such as this would not be possible without the kind support of local businesses and this is a clear example of how everyone in the town is working together to support the needs of our local area. Well done to our trail winners."

Holly said: "I'd love to spend the money on some Lego."

I'm really pleased to win the competition. It was good to find some places that we didn't know were there."



Back, Amy Gregory, Holly and Claire Evison; Front, James Evison and Footfall secretary Erica Morgan

Training sessions at country house

A COUNTRY house near Oswestry has launched a new partnership with the European Institute of Fitness to offer personal trainer qualifications.

Bryn Tanat Hall at Llansantffraid ran its first session last week.

Susan Martin, owner of Bryn Tanat Hall, said she was very excited about the new sessions. "I think people will be very impressed as the gym is spectacular," she said. "We're really looking forward to seeing how the courses go and welcoming people in."

To book a place on a course call (01743) 770600.

Seeking support for music event

THE Powys Eisteddfod, a celebration of music, poetry and literature, will be taking place in Oswestry next summer.

The annual festival will be held at the Park Hall Showground on July 15 and 16.

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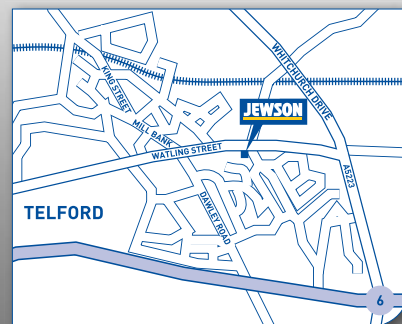
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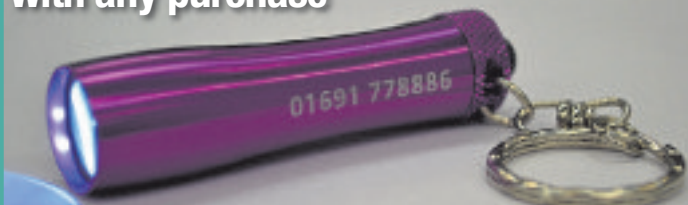
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Property

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING



Smallholding offers lovely country views

A smallholding in an idyllic rural location, Ty Cerrig at Croesaubach has outstanding views of the Shropshire plain, yet is just three miles from Oswestry. It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £475,000.

The property comprises a spacious three-bedroom detached cottage standing in mature gardens, a range of useful outbuildings, stables and field shelters together with about

10.75 acres of excellent pasture land located in a ring fence immediately to the rear of the house. With some original features, the cottage has double glazing and oil central heating, an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room/WC, boot room, three bedrooms and a bathroom. The well-maintained outbuildings include a double garage, livestock shed, stable, barn (all with electric

and water supplies) and a separate field shelter. The land is split into well-fenced paddocks all with excellent views.

The picturesque hamlet of Croesaubach is close to the thriving village of Trefonen, which has an excellent primary school, church, shop/post office and pub. Call Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367 or visit www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk



Attractive Victorian home is handy for shopping area

An attractive Victorian end-of-terrace house with loft room, 16 Vyrnwy Road, Oswestry is on the market through JJ Dell & Co for offers over £124,950. The property is within walking distance of Oswestry's shopping centre. Accommodation comprises two reception rooms, dining kitchen, two bedrooms, modern bathroom and loft. There is a rear garden. The property is within walking distance of Woodside Primary School. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.



Fine detached bungalow sits on the outskirts of popular village

A fine detached bungalow on the outskirts of a village, Oakdene, Oak Farm Lane, West Felton can be found down a quiet country lane. Set well back from the road and approached over a tarmac driveway with ample parking, it is for sale through JJ Dell & Co at £269,500. It has a porch and entrance hall, living room, a modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and a shower room. The front garden has a lawn and an ornamental pool and the private rear garden has a lawn. For further information contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 or visit www.jjdell.co.uk



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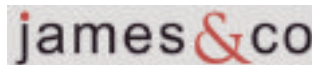
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Four-bedroom property has period features throughout

This is a rare opportunity to purchase a spacious, four-bedroom, semi-detached property. Greystones Court on Shrewsbury Road is situated on the fringe of the popular market town of Oswestry. The property has period features throughout and offers flexible living accommodation including large entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room, cloakroom, boiler room, cellar, four large bedrooms and family bathroom. Externally the property is approached over a gravelled driveway leading to private gardens, patio and ample off road parking. Offers in the region of £279,500. Contact Bowen Son and Watson on 01691 652367.



Home situated in the heart of picturesque valley

With no chain, Minford is a deceptively spacious semi-detached house located in the heart of the Ceiriog Valley in the picturesque and sought after village of Llanarmon DC. It is on the market with Town & Country and offers are in excess of £135,000. The property boasts three bedrooms, modern bathroom and attractive kitchen with an extensive range of units and breakfast/eating area. The property has a light and spacious feel and takes in much of the surrounding countryside. For more details contact Town & Country on 01691 679631.



Lifestyle property close to an abundance of wildlife

A lifestyle property offering the benefits of quiet, rural life with glorious views Llettypiod, Llanfihangel is on the market for £399,950 through Halls. The property offers an abundance of wildlife and birds together with a beautifully presented three bedroom, three reception room family home with many original and modern features including master bedroom suite with balcony. To the rear of the formal gardens is an area of 2.50 acres of pasture and woodland as well as a paddock/orchard and polytunnel with kitchen garden area. For more information contact Halls on 01938 555552.



Georgian town house has rooms over three floors

Talbot House is an attractive Grade II-listed Georgian town house in the centre of Ellesmere. It is for sale through Balfours at £350,000. Downstairs there is an entrance hall, kitchen, dining room, boot room/back hall, sitting room, utility and store room. On the first floor, there is the large master bedroom which has a period fireplace, a further bedroom and the family bathroom. On the second floor there are three bedrooms. Outside, but attached to the house, are some outhouses which are currently used as a utility and a log store. There is a driveway and a garage. Contact Balfours on 01743 353511 or visit www.balfours.co.uk



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**LOT 2
AUCTION**



Trefonen OSWESTRY
Guide Price Over £215,000

- An interesting development opportunity subject to any necessary planning consents being obtained
- Large detached bungalow set in 0.46 acres (0.187 ha)
- Elevated position on edge of Trefonen
- EPC to G
- Contact Oswestry Office

**LOT 3
AUCTION**



Glyn Ceiriog Nr LLANGOLLEN
Guide Price Over £100,000

- Charming Two Bedroom Terraced Cottage
- Many Original Features
- Sash Windows and Exposed Beams
- Large Riverside Gardens
- EPC Rating 'F'
- Contact Chirk Office

**LOT 4
AUCTION**



Glyn Ceiriog Nr LLANGOLLEN
Guide Price £140,000-£160,000

- 3 bed detached property in need of modernisation
- Partial improvement works already undertaken
- Large plot in central location within Glyn Ceiriog
- EPC tbc
- Contact Chirk Office

**LOT 5
AUCTION**



Ruabon WREXHAM
Guide Price Over £70,000

- Ideal investment property
- Central village location
- 4 bedroom accommodation on 3 floors. Dining room, lounge and kitchen to the ground floor, landing, 2 double beds and bath to the first floor with a further 2 double bedrooms on the second floor
- EPC to E

**LOT 6
AUCTION**



Gobowen OSWESTRY
Guide Price Over £30,000

- Potential Building Plot
- Central Village Location
- Pre-Application Enquiries made
- 205 square metres, measuring 18m x 11m average across the plot
- Contact Oswestry Office

**LOT 7
AUCTION**



Coedpoeth WREXHAM
Guide Price £100,000-£110,000

- End Terraced Property with DG
- Off Road Parking
- Lounge, Dining Kitchen
- Loft Room
- Views Over Open Countryside
- EPC Rating E
- Contact Wrexham Office

**LOT 8
AUCTION**



Argyle Street WREXHAM
Guide Price Over £100,000

- Prominent Retail Premises
- In Heart of The Town
- Spacious Accommodation
- Flexible Terms
- EPC to F
- Contact Wrexham Office

**LOT 9
AUCTION**



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Guide Price £10,000-£20,000

- An interesting development opportunity for the construction of a new three bedroom house
- All services available
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**LOT 10
AUCTION**



Rhosllanerchrugog WREXHAM
Guide Price £85,000

- Residential / commercial investment opportunity
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**LOT 11
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Holyhead LLANGOLLEN
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- 2 Bed End Terrace property
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**LOT 6
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Marchwiel WREXHAM
Guide Price £95,000 - £105,000

- 2 Bedroom Terraced property.
- Currently let on Assured Shorthold Tenancy at rent of £458 pcm
- EPC Rating - Band 'C'
- Contact Wrexham Office

**LOT 7
AUCTION**



Marchwiel WREXHAM
Guide Price £95,000 - £105,000

- 2 Bedroom Terraced property.
- Currently let on Assured Shorthold Tenancy at rent of £458 pcm
- EPC Band 'D'
- Contact Wrexham Office

**LOT 8
AUCTION**



Marchwiel WREXHAM
Guide Price £100,000 - £110,000

- 3 Bedroom Terraced property.
- Currently let on Assured Shorthold Tenancy at rent of £495 pcm.
- EPC Rating - Band 'D'
- Contact Wrexham Office

**LOT 9
AUCTION**



Marchwiel WREXHAM
Guide Price £100,000 - £110,000

- 3 Bedroom Terraced property.
- Currently let on Assured Shorthold Tenancy at rent of £525 pcm.
- EPC Rating - Band 'D'
- Contact Wrexham Office

**LOT 10
AUCTION**



Marchwiel WREXHAM
Guide Price £100,000 - £110,000

- 3 Bedroom Terraced property
- Currently let on Assured Shorthold Tenancy at rent of £505 pcm
- EPC Rating - Band 'D'
- Contact Wrexham Office

**LOT 11
AUCTION**



Marchwiel WREXHAM
Guide Price £95,000 - £105,000

- 2 Bedroom Terraced Property.
- Offered for sale with Full Vacant Possession.
- EPC Rating - Band 'C'
- Contact Wrexham Office

**LOT 12
AUCTION**



Marchwiel WREXHAM
Guide Price £95,000 - £105,000

- 2 Bedroom Terraced property
- Currently let on Assured Shorthold Tenancy at rent of £450 pcm
- EPC Rating - Band 'C'
- Contact Wrexham Office

**LOT 13
AUCTION**



Marchwiel WREXHAM
Guide Price £95,000 - £105,000

- 2 Bedroom End Terraced Property
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- EPC Rating - Band 'C'
- Contact Wrexham Office

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A modern detached bungalow in an excellent condition, 24 Maes-y-Dderwen, Llanfyllin comes with attractive landscaped gardens. It is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £210,000. The property has an entrance hall, a lounge and patio doors to a conservatory. There is also a kitchen/breakfast room, a master bedroom en-suite and two further bedrooms, and a bathroom. The conservatory has patio doors off the lounge, laminate floor, two fitted electric panel heaters and a door to the rear gardens. For further information contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 or visit www.morrismarshall.co.uk



Four-bedroom home within walking distance of facilities

An excellent four-bedroomed spacious family house, 8 Sycamore Close, St Martins, backs on to open countryside within walking distance of the local facilities. It has a guide price of £199,950, there is no chain and it is being sold through JJ Dell & Co. Accommodation comprises two reception rooms, breakfast kitchen, cloakroom, four double bedrooms, bathroom and ensuite and there is a large garage and private rear garden and patio. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212 for details.



Bungalow in attractive location overlooking village

A fine detached bungalow, Uplands, Old Post Office Lane, Trefonen near Oswestry, is on the market through JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £239,950. There is no chain and the property occupies an attractive position overlooking the village towards the Shropshire Plain within a short distance of the village amenities. The property benefits from central heating and double glazing. The accommodation comprises a kitchen, dining room, lounge, three double bedrooms, bathroom, ensuite and utility. There is a good size garden plot, a veranda and a garage. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212 for more details.



Beautifully presented property in popular village

A beautifully presented three bedroom detached family home, 32 Llwyn Perthi, Arddleen, is on the market through Halls for £185,000. The property is on a good-sized plot on a small residential estate. It benefits from oil-fired central heating and double glazing, and comprises an entrance hall with doors off to a cloakroom, lounge with bay window, and the open-plan kitchen/breakfast room with utility room off. Upstairs there is a master bedroom with en-suite shower room, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom. More information from Halls on 01938 555552.



New figures reveal increase in violent crime

The pressures of more intensive farming

with Ben Waddams



During the mating season the male circles the female, sometimes for hours, to persuade her to mate. After birth the young are soft-spined. They will be protected by their mother for around six weeks. Among the predators females must guard against during this period are other male hedgehogs,



At this time of the year hedgehogs are building their nests, not for birth but for their form of hibernation. It's not true

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West Mercia Police spokesman Kieren Bodill said the increase in violent crime was primarily a reflection of changes made to the way offences were recorded.



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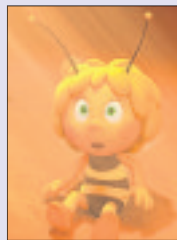
SPECTRE (15)



Mixed reviews – 6/10

A cryptic message reveals ghosts from Bond's past and 007 (Daniel Craig) follows a chain of evidence that leads to Dr Madeleine Swann (Lea Seydoux), daughter of fugitive Mr White (Jesper Christensen). Bond criss-crosses the globe in his Aston Martin DB10 and infiltrates a menacing organisation named SPECTRE, fronted by the enigmatic Franz Oberhauser (Christoph Waltz).

MAYA THE BEE (U)



Buzzing – 7/10

Busy Bee 396 – or Maya – is an adventurous soul and ventures into the meadow, where she befriends a young hornet called Sting (Joel Franco) and a grasshopper called Flip (Richard Roxburgh). Maya and her friends expose a plot by Bee Buzzlina to steal the royal jelly that keeps The Queen Bee on her throne and declare war on the hornets.

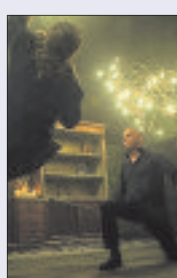
PAPER PLANES (U)



Ozigami – 5/10

Twelve-year-old Dylan lives in the Australian outback with his father Jack who has given up on life following the death of his wife. Dylan has a natural flair for making paper aeroplanes and wins a place in the Australian team and heads to Japan for a competition. Paper Planes should have the target pre-teen audience cheering in the aisles.

THE LAST WITCH HUNTER (12A)



Lacks magic touch – 2/10

Vin Diesel trades in the souped-up motors of the Fast & Furious franchise for dark magic in this otherworldly fantasy directed by Breck Eisner. Mighty warrior Kaulder (Diesel) is cursed with immortality walking the earth primed to destroy the forces of evil that secretly live in our midst. Unexpectedly, the Witch Queen is revived and Kaulder realises he needs help.

Folk act's festive gig

Report by Pam Kingsley

FOLK-ROCK legends Lindisfarne will be getting 'Up, Close and Seasonal' in Oswestry next month as they prepare for their legendary festive Christmas shows at Newcastle City Hall.

The new-look Lindisfarne, fronted by founding member and songwriter Rod Clements, will perform their greatest hits at the Lion Quays, Oswestry, on December 13 as part of a festive mini-tour.

The Christmas shows will be especially poignant this year following the sad news that founder member Si Cowe had died in his adopted home of Toronto, Canada. It is also 20 years since original frontman and singer-songwriter Alan Hull passed away.

Rod said: "I was delighted to return to the band this year and looking back, we have enjoyed some fantastic performances and a wonderful reception wherever we have played. Of course, the Christmas shows will be a bit of an emotional one for the band after losing our friend and former bandmate Si. We'll make sure they will be shows to remember."

The show will feature all of the band's hits including Meet Me On The Corner, Lady Eleanor and Run For Home. Tickets, priced £27.50, are available from the Lion Quays on (01691) 684300.

• Meanwhile a boys' choir which sparked a chorus of approval when it sang at Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod last year is returning to perform at the festival's Christmas concert. In only its second



Lindisfarne were formed in Newcastle as far back as 1968. The current line-up are set to perform some festive shows.

public appearance, the Rhos Boys' Choir sang during the awards ceremony for the Eisteddfod's Children's Choir of the World competition in July 2014. The choir has now been invited back to the Royal International Pavilion to appear at the Eisteddfod Music and Staging Committee's Christmas concert on December 13 at 7.30pm. Musical

director Aled Phillips said: "We'll be singing four Christmas songs – two in Welsh and two in English – on the night. Everyone in the choir is looking forward to being back at the Pavilion in Llangollen after our appearance at the Eisteddfod last year when the response from the audience gave us a tremendous boost."

• A fundraising concert will be held at St John's Church, Maesbury, with harpist Rosie Davies next week. The concert will take place at 7.30pm on November 14 and tickets cost £6 to include refreshments. Money raised will go towards church funds. For tickets call churchwarden Graeme Ross on 01691 680302.

Book reviews

GREAT BRITAIN, A WALKER'S GUIDE

By Tom Dennis

It's always enlightening to discover how others perceive you, and the good news is that when London-based Dennis trekked across the borderlands of the Marches he found the countryside delightful – but the sheep irritating.

On the Offa's Dyke trail they would scatter on his approach only to regroup in his path. And it happened time and again.

In a pub his chats with farmers included subjects like Shropshire property prices and the plight of the dairy industry.

Dennis had a ludicrously well paid job in



Mayfair when he chucked it all in and decided to walk from Land's End to John o'Groats.

The book is available through his website www.tomdennis.net

By Toby Neal

A LINE OF BLOOD

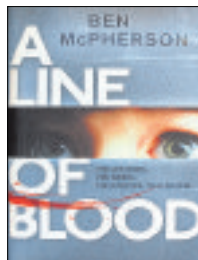
By Ben McPherson
Published by Harper Collins

Alex Mercer, accompanied by his son Max, finds his neighbour dead in the bath.

Subsequently, Mercer discovers that his wife apparently knew the man and has visited his home.

What Mercer can't explain is how his wife's bracelet came to be discovered beneath the neighbour's bed.

During the police investigation, in which Mercer finds himself the chief suspect, he is faced with the dilemma of trying to protect his son from what he saw, and how to clear himself while trying to



save his family's reputation.

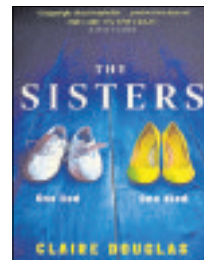
This book by McPherson is a well-written thriller told from a father's perspective as his domestic life falls to pieces around him.

By Sally Bunn

THE SISTERS

By Claire Douglas
Published by Harper Collins

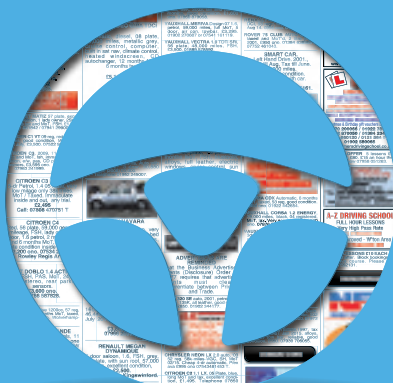
Losing a sibling is devastating, but losing a twin means losing half of one's identity. Abi has a breakdown following twin sister Lucy's death, and moves to Bath to make a fresh start. There she meets Bea and her twin brother Ben with whom she begins a relationship. After moving into the twins' townhouse, her budding romance with Ben becomes awkward, and she discovers that Bea has a secret which she will do anything to protect. Things take a turn for the worst, and as Abi begins to



crumble under the strain she begins to question everything she thought she knew.

This is a debut novel, dark and complex, from an author worth watching.

By Sally Bunn



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The cast from the next Llanymynech Amateur Dramatic Society production



Media student Tom Arthur has been entertaining people as Deadpool

Plenty of drama to keep us all entertained

PEOPLE in Oswestry have had a mix of wrestling hopefuls and superheroes to keep them entertained recently.

A youth worker bit off more than he could chew when he took up a wrestling challenge.

Jay Moore found himself left bloodied and bruised on the floor of the wrestling ring in a bout at The Centre in Oak Street. The chairman of Fusion Arts in Oswestry has organised wrestling tournaments at the centre to provide entertainment for the town and help raise funding.

At the last Basix Wrestling he jumped in to help the referee when wrestler Danny Valentine turned on him. So incensed was the wrestler he challenged Mr Moore to a tag team match, held earlier this month.

Mr Moore said: "I bit off more than I could chew when both my opponents turned on me.

"They kept me in the corner and then I got hit with a chair.

"I will be looking for a rematch."

The versatile Mr Moore could be seen in three different guises last weekend.

On Friday there was a special Halloween family fun area at the British Ironwork Centre just outside Oswestry where he was doing fire eating and then in the evening he turned into a drummer for one of the groups at the Tribal Jam Music event at The Centre.

On Saturday he became an actor, working with many of the young people from The Centre who produced the Nightmare on Oak Street show.

While Jay Moore was fulfilling his wrestling ambitions, a college student in the town was entertaining people when he took the identity of a Marvel superhero to help raise money for charity.

Tom Arthur is studying the Level 2 Diploma in Media at North Shropshire College in Oswestry, and as part of his qualification he is studying the Deadpool comics and the character.

David Watts, media studies lecturer, said: "Tom has been researching the Deadpool

SPECIAL REPORT

Entertainment round-up by Sue Austin

comics as part of his course and has been inspired to assume the identity of this off-beat superhero at his parents' annual charity event.

"It is very pleasing to see our media students bringing their newly acquired knowledge and understanding to the wider community and spreading a little happiness along the way."

Tom appeared in character at a charity Halloween party at West Felton Village Hall, helping raise money for Cancer Research UK.

The Halloween party is arranged by Tom's mother, who survived cancer several years ago, and takes place the Saturday before Halloween every year.

Meanwhile, if wrestling and superheroes are not dramatic enough, there will be more drama, as well as comedy, in the Oswestry area soon. The entertainment will be coming courtesy of the Llanymynech Amateur Dramatic Society.

Two years ago, the LADS put on Ladies Day, a feel-good tale of four lasses from a fish filleting plant whose six-horse accumulator left them half-a-million pounds better off. What did they do with all that cash?

Ladies Down Under, by Amanda Whittington, follows the lasses from Hull as they journey to the other side of the world for a once-in-a-lifetime holiday.

In the great land of Oz these four fearless ladies find there's more to life than money and fish factories, and as Pearl discovers, 'life is what happens when you are busy making other plans'.

The production will be on from November 19 to 21 at 7.45pm each night.

Tickets are £7 full price, £6 concessions available from Llanymynech Village Hall and shop, Mile End Tourist Information, Rowanthon in Chapel Court, Oswestry, and The Herbarium in Oswestry, or phone (01691) 830558. Refreshments and a bar will be available.



Jay Moore before and after his wrestling bout

Antiques expert to help raise cash for community centre

SHROPSHIRE TV antiques expert Christina Trevanion will offer her services at a valuation event in exchange for donations to a good cause.

Christina and business partner Aaron Dean, who run Trevanion & Dean auction house in Whitchurch, will spend a morning in St Martins, near Oswestry, to help raise money for the village's community centre.

Lesley Anne Roberts, who is organising the event on November 19, said she hoped for a good turn-out.

"There's been a lot of interest so far so we're hoping to see lots of people bringing items in," she said.

"They're charging £3 per item up to three items each, and that includes tea or coffee. All the money that's raised will go to the community centre. The centre is really well used, but we don't get any funding so we have to raise all our own money, and so we're really pleased that Christina and Aaron have agreed to come and help us out."

The valuation session will start at 10am and run until all items have been valued. The community centre is on Overton Road. For more information contact centre manager Sue Schofield on (01691) 770204.

Meanwhile if it is music more than antiques that grab your interest, Gypsy jazz, Celtic airs and standards from



the Great American Songbook will be performed by the Sarah Smith Trio at an event in Oswestry.

Violinist Sarah Smith heads the trio with Tim Smith on guitar and Oli Smith on bass.

They will perform at the Willow Gallery in Willow Street, Oswestry, on Saturday. Doors open at 7pm and the concert will start at 8pm.

Tickets cost £12 adults and £6 children, and can be booked in advance in person at the gallery in Willow Street or over the phone by calling (01691) 657575.

A licensed bar will be open and the Willow Eatery will serve meals before the event.

And if fashion is your thing, a women's fashion show will be held in Oswestry to raise funds for underprivileged people in Uganda. Hope Church in Laburnum Drive, Oswestry, will be hosting the event on Saturday at 7.30pm, helped by SOS Charity Fashion Shows. Models will show a wide range of current fashion at 50 per cent off. Sue Turner, who is helping to organise the event, said: "All profits from the evening will go to 'A Little Bit of Hope', a charity working in the Butaleja District of Uganda enabling people to reach their full potential by helping them overcome barriers such as education, health and economic status.

"It is guaranteed that there will be something for everyone."

Tickets, priced £5, are available on the door or from Juliette Clarke by emailing jules@hopechurchoswestry.org.uk or calling (01691) 655546.

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Strictly Come Dancing

6.30pm

Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present as the celebrities compete to stay out of the bottom two - and hopefully avoid the same fate as last week's eliminated couple Kirsty Gallacher and Brendan Cole. Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell are the ones to impress.



Song for Marion

9.45pm

Premiere. A grouchy old man has always been dismissive of his wife's role in the unconventional local choir. When she is diagnosed with a terminal illness and is no longer able to sing, he reluctantly agrees to take her place. Comedy drama, with Terence Stamp and Gemma Arterton.



The Chase: Celebrity Special

7pm

Bradley Walsh presents as impressionist Rory Bremner, weather reporter Laura Tobin, Dragons' Den's Deborah Meaden and TV gardener Alan Titchmarsh pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in the hope of winning a potential prize pot worth thousands of pounds.



The Restoration Man

7pm

Architect George Clarke meets Mark Horton, who has bought the derelict shell of an 18th-century folly called Bath Lodge in Ormskirk, near Liverpool, with the dream of converting it himself. His initial worries relate to the lack of an access road and utilities - but then the bank pulls back on his loan.



Football League Tonight

9pm

Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches, as well as all the goals from the Championship, including Huddersfield Town v Leeds United, Nottingham Forest v Derby County, and Hull City v Middlesbrough. Plus, a round-up of the main talking points.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.**
- 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live.** Chefs Ben Tish and Tom Kitchin prepare either food heaven or hell for Children in Need hostess Fearnie Cotton, and Jane Parkinson chooses wine to match dishes prepared in the studio.
- 11.30 Simply Nigella.** The domestic goddess serves avocado toast with radishes, a Thai noodle dish with cinnamon and prawns, and seeded lamb ribs, served with a feta and avocado salad. (R)
- 12.00 BBC News;** Weather.
- 12.10 Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests preview the weekend's matches, which include the FA Cup first-round matches, as well as the latest Premier League fixtures.
- 1.00 Bargain Hunt.** Two teams hunt for bargains at an antiques centre in Glasgow with the help of Paul Laidlaw and James Lewis, and Tim Wonnacott visits Dumfries House. (R)
- 2.00 Rugby League.** England v New Zealand (Kick-off 2.30pm). Live coverage of the second match in the international series, which takes place at The Stadium at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London.
- 4.30 Final Score.** Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of this afternoon's results.
- 5.20 BBC News.**
- 5.30 Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 5.40 Pointless Celebrities.** Tyger Drew-Honey, Thomas Turgoose, Julie Dawn Cole, Mark Lester, Lee MacDonald, Erkan Mustafa, Michelle Gayle and Adam Rickitt take part in a child star-themed edition of the quiz.
- 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present more pro-celebrity ballroom action, as the 10 couples aim to impress the judges and get their names at the top of the leaderboard.
- 8.00 Doctor Who.** With shapeshifting Zygons everywhere in the UK and no way of knowing who to trust, the Doctor stands alone as he tries to prevent a war and save his friends.
- 8.50 The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin is on hand to provide news of the all-important winning numbers.
- 9.00 Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance 2015.** Rod Stewart, Pixie Lott and Andrea Bocelli perform in this annual event paying tribute to the victims of war and conflict, in the presence of the Queen at the Royal Albert Hall.
- 10.40 BBC News;** Weather.
- 11.00 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester United v West Bromwich Albion and Stoke City v Chelsea; **National Lottery Update.**
- 12.25 The Apprentice.** The entrepreneurs are given the task of writing and designing a children's book, as well as recording an accompanying CD, before selling it to London's bookshops. (R)
- 1.25 Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 1.30 BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.15 FILM: The Moon Is Blue (1953).** Comedy, starring Maggie McNamara.
- 7.55 FILM: The Captive Heart (1946).** Second World War drama, starring Michael Redgrave.
- 9.30 Homes Under the Hammer.** Properties in London, Kent and Lancashire. (R)
- 10.30 The Wonder of Animals.** The anatomy and physiology of the elephant.
- 11.00 Animal SOS.** A bearded dragon is found in a Greater Manchester garden. (R)
- 11.30 Animal SOS.** RSPCA workers are called to deal with 48 rabbits living in a backyard. (R)
- 12.00 My Life on a Plate.** Tony Blackburn revisits his childhood home in Poole. (R)
- 12.45 My Life on a Plate.** Johnny Ball revisits childhood haunts in Bristol. (R)
- 1.30 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip.** Mendip wallfish and cider-flavoured chorizo in Wells, Somerset. (R)
- 2.00 FILM: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (1967).** Comedy drama, starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn.
- 3.45 Escape to the Country.** Rural house hunting in Bedfordshire. (R)
- 4.30 Demolition: The Wrecking Crew.** Documentary following demolition crews bringing down some of the country's biggest buildings. (R)
- 5.30 Flog It!** Valuing antiques in Richmond, North Yorkshire. (R)
- 6.30 The Great Pottery Throw Down.** Amateur potters gather in Stoke-on-Trent to take part in a 35-day throwing contest, beginning with a task that sees them producing a set of stackable kitchen bowls. (R)
- 7.30 Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul.** The chef continues his journey through Croatia and savours the native oysters of Ston, before crossing the border into Albania, where he is joined by his son Jack. (R)
- 8.30 Dad's Army.** Corporal Jones finds himself cast adrift during an exercise pitting Mainwaring and his home-front heroes against their arch-rival Captain Square. (R)
- 9.00 QI XL.** Host Stephen Fry invites Noel Fielding, Rhod Gilbert and Ciarad Lloyd to join regular panellist Alan Davies as he meanders through miscellaneous M-themed matters.
- 9.45 FILM: Song for Marion (2012).** Premiere. A grouchy old man's life is dramatically changed when he takes his terminally ill wife's place in the local choir. Comedy drama, with Terence Stamp and Gemma Arterton.
- 11.15 The Many Faces of Richard Wilson.** The actor, best known for his roles in One Foot in the Grave and Merlin, tells his story, focusing on the early appearances, what drove his choices and their consequences. (R)
- 12.15 FILM: Mad City (1997).** A security guard takes a group of museum-goers hostage to gain his employer's attention, a situation a reporter seeks to exploit. Drama, starring John Travolta and Dustin Hoffman.
- 2.05 This Is BBC2.**

ITV

- 6.00 CITV: Bottom Knockers Street 6.10 Bottom Knockers Street 6.25 Bottom Knockers Street 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.50 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 7.00 Signed Stories: Share a Story 7.05 Oddbods 7.10 Sooty 7.25 Super 4 7.40 Adventure Time 8.00 Marvel Avengers Assemble 8.30 Thunderbirds Are Go 9.00 Jessie**
- 9.25 Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica investigates a loan shark's death. (R)
- 10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)
- 11.25 ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
- 11.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)
- 12.35 Downton Abbey.** The Crawleys attend a motor racing event. (R)
- 1.40 Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
- 2.45 Doc Martin.** Pauline grows bored with her role at the surgery. (R)
- 3.45 FILM: Death Becomes Her (1992).** Two romantic rivals discover the secret of immortality - then make a doomed attempt to kill one another. Black comedy fantasy, starring Goldie Hawn, Meryl Streep and Bruce Willis.
- 5.45 ITV News Central;** Weather.
- 6.00 ITV News and Weather.**
- 6.15 Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.
- 7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Rory Bremner, Laura Tobin, Deborah Meaden and Alan Titchmarsh answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on the Chaser and secure a cash prize for charity.
- 8.00 The X Factor.** The remaining acts face the second of this year's nerve-racking live shows, where they hope to impress Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Nick Grimshaw and Rita Ora once again.
- 10.20 The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host chats to Sheridan Smith about her role in the stage revival of musical Funny Girl, and is also joined by Joan Collins, Danny DeVito and Ariana Grande.
- 11.25 ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
- 11.45 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Andrew Flintoff.** The Lancashire cricketer reflects on his life and career, including the extreme measures he took to lose weight and the key role he played in England's 2005 Ashes victory. (R)
- 12.40 Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas.
- 3.00 Show Me the Telly.** Chris Tarrant welcomes actor Ricky Tomlinson and singer Jane McDonald to the celebrity team to take on members of the public. Hosted by Richard Bacon. (R)
- 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.

Channel 4

- 6.15 How I Met Your Mother.** (R)
- 6.40 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R)
- 7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R)
- 7.30 The Grid.** Behind the scenes of the DTM final at Hockenheim.
- 8.00 The Morning Line.** Previewing the final day of the flat racing season from Doncaster.
- 9.00 Frasier.** KACL staff compete against a rival station. (R)
- 9.30 Frasier.** Maris is released on bail. (R)
- 10.00 Frasier.** (R)
- 10.30 The Big Bang Theory.**
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- 11.55 The Simpsons.** Marge becomes a sex symbol after posing for a calendar. (R)
- 12.30 The Simpsons.** Lisa accepts an invitation to join a Wiccan coven. (R)
- 1.00 The Simpsons.** Bart decides he wants a little brother. (R)
- 1.30 Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Doncaster, Aintree and Wincanton.
- 4.00 Come Dine with Me.** Sex and the City fan Jose Stewart hosts the first dinner party in Lincolnshire. (R)
- 4.25 Come Dine with Me.** History teacher Skip Schultz hosts the second party in Lincolnshire. (R)
- 5.00 Come Dine with Me.** Entrepreneur Sharon Wright hosts Lincolnshire's third party. (R)
- 5.25 Come Dine with Me.** Tattoo artist Indy Nijjar hosts a summer-themed dinner party in Lincolnshire. (R)
- 6.00 Come Dine with Me.** Admin worker Jessica Carroll hosts the final party in Lincolnshire. Despite a lack of culinary knowledge, she hopes her Chinese meal and unusual pet will impress the guests. (R)
- 6.30 Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 The Restoration Man.** George Clarke meets Mark Horton, who has bought the derelict shell of an 18th-century folly called Bath Lodge in Ormskirk, near Liverpool, with the dream of converting it himself. (R)
- 8.00 Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud meets Rob Hodgson and Kay Ralph, who plan to build a glass-fronted house on a crumbling clifftop in Gwynedd, inspired by the villas of California. (R)
- 9.00 Prison Night.** A countdown of prison dramas that most accurately depict the complexities of life behind bars, as voted for by convicts currently serving time at Her Majesty's pleasure.
- 10.35 TFI Friday.** Elton John, Julianne Moore, Stanley Tucci, the Maccabees and 5 Seconds of Summer join host Chris Evans for music and chat, with stunts and skits. (R)
- 11.40 FILM: Lockout (2012).** A government agent must rescue the president's daughter from a space station prison where the convicts have taken over. Sci-fi thriller, starring Guy Pearce and Maggie Grace.
- 1.25 Fargo.** (R)
- 2.20 Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** (R)
- 3.15 Hollyoaks.** (R)
- 5.20 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites.** (R)
- 5.25 Kirstie's Vintage Gems.** (R)
- 5.30 Deal or No Deal.** (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig **6.05 Bananas** in Pyjamas **6.20 Bob the Builder 6.30** Ticky Toc **6.40 Zack and Quack 6.50** Make Way for Noddy **7.05 Paw Patrol 7.20** Little Princess **7.35** Pip Ahoy! **7.50** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.30** Wanda and the Alien **8.45** Toby's Travelling Circus
- 8.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** April and Leo must save Casey, Raph, Mikey and Donnie.
- 9.30 The Saturday Show.** Topical show looking at the week's headlines.
- 11.25 Ice Road Truckers.** Lisa is forced to stop in the middle of a frozen lake. (R)
- 12.25 Ice Road Truckers.** Art tenders his resignation. (R)
- 1.25 FILM: All I Want For Christmas (2013).** Festive fantasy, starring Melissa Sagemiller.
- 3.05 FILM: A Nanny for Christmas (2010).** Romantic comedy, starring Emmanuelle Vaugier and Richard Ruccolo.
- 4.50 FILM: Mistletoe Over Manhattan (2011).** Christmas fantasy, starring Tricia Helfer and Greg Bryk.
- 6.35 5 News Weekend.**
- 6.40 FILM: Operation Crossbow (1965).** Three engineers parachute into occupied Holland to destroy a missile base - but there is a traitor in their midst. Second World War adventure, with George Peppard and Sophia Loren.
- 9.00 Football League Tonight.** Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches, as well as all the goals from the Championship, including Huddersfield Town v Leeds United.
- 10.15 Greatest Comedy Movies - Ever!** Special programme celebrating the greatest comedy films ever made, featuring recollections and revelations from stars on both sides of the camera.
- 11.50 FILM: See No Evil, Hear No Evil (1989).** A blind man and his deaf friend go on the run to escape a trumped-up murder charge and crooks tracking down a top-secret microchip. Comedy, starring Richard Pryor and Gene Wilder.
- 1.35 The Gadget Show.** Jon Bentley investigates mobile phone networks, while Jason Bradbury and Amy Williams look into cutting-edge technology for hairdressers and models. (R)
- 2.25 SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 4.00 Gift of Life.** A former Merchant Navy sailor with a severe heart condition awaits a transplant, while a horse rider with a rare form of pulmonary hypertension awaits new lungs. Last in the series.
- 4.50 Make It Big.** Matt and Jess receive an official warning. (R)
- 5.15 Make It Big.** Jess gets a warning from HQ. (R)
- 5.45 Angels of Jarm.** The children make cards. (R)
- 5.50 Angels of Jarm.** Faith tries to pull a big box. (R)



Antiques Roadshow
8pm
Fiona Bruce presents the second programme this year from RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire, and discovers the story of a length of tree that ended up inside a Lancaster bomber. Treasures brought in to be valued include a harp that survived the French Revolution.



Earth's Wildest Waters: The Big Fish
8pm
Ben Fogle takes the four remaining anglers to Canada for the semi-final, where the country's ecosystem is driven by fish migrations. The contestants must try to catch Pacific salmon in the seas surrounding Vancouver Island.



The X Factor
8pm
Caroline Flack and Olly Murs present the results of last night's viewers' vote. The lowest scoring acts are challenged to compete in a sing-off to win the approval of judges Nick Grimshaw, Rita Ora, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini and Simon Cowell - with one of them being eliminated from the contest.



Homeland
9pm
The Hacktivists' plans gather steam, as Quinn covers for Carrie as Dar and Allison assess the damage. Thriller following a team of CIA agents battling terrorists and problems in their personal lives. CIA thriller, starring Claire Danes, Rupert Friend, Sebastian Koch and Mandy Patinkin.



The Expendables 2
9pm
Barney Ross is recruited by the CIA to recover a top-secret package, only to come to blows with a rival band of hired guns. Barney swears revenge when the other faction kill his protege, and leads his men on a mission to stop their enemies taking over a nuclear facility. Thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone.

BBC1	
6.00	Breakfast.
7.30	Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester United v West Bromwich Albion and Stoke City v Chelsea. (R)
9.00	The Andrew Marr Show.
10.25	Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph. David Dimbleby presents live coverage of the service from Whitehall, attended by the Queen and other dignitaries. Sophie Raworth talks to veterans taking part in the march.
12.20	Sunday Politics West Midlands. The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
1.30	BBC News; Weather.
1.45	Lifeline. Appeal on behalf of the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust.
1.55	FA Cup Final Score. Jason Mohammad presents an FA Cup edition of the football results and report show, bringing the key moments and reports from today's first-round matches. Coverage continues on BBC2.
3.00	Points of View. Jeremy Vine presents a selection of viewers' comments.
3.15	The People Remember. Highlights from the week's programmes.
4.15	Songs of Praise. A remembrance special from the Imperial War Museum London.
4.50	The Hunt. Wildlife series following predators. (R)
5.50	BBC News.
6.10	Midlands Today; Weather.
6.15	Countryfile. Reports from Cambridgeshire, including the recovery of a crashed Spitfire in the Great Fen, the impact of students on rural areas and a turkey farm run by JB Gill of pop group JLS. Including Weather For The Week Ahead.
7.15	Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the results of last night's show. Seal provides the music and the professionals perform a Remembrance Day routine.
8.00	Antiques Roadshow. The team returns to RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire, where treasures include a harp that survived the French Revolution and a curious wooden item with an unexpected purpose.
9.00	The Hunt. A look at how predators living in the Arctic have to constantly adapt their hunting strategies as the environment around them radically changes. Narrated by David Attenborough.
10.00	BBC News.
10.20	Midlands Today; Weather.
10.30	Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's action, which featured Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur, Aston Villa v Manchester City and Liverpool v Crystal Palace.
11.45	Citizen Khan. Mr Khan trains to become a school crossing patrol officer, while Nani's plan for a professional family photo is scuppered by Alia. (R)
12.15	Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.20	BBC News.

BBC2	
6.15	The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R)
7.00	The Big Allotment Challenge. The six remaining contestants must make sweet and savoury jams. (R)
8.00	Countryfile's Ramble for Children In Need. Country walks to raise money for charity. (R)
9.15	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. Highlights of the series.
10.45	My Life on a Plate. (R)
11.30	My Life on a Plate. (R)
12.15	MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team.
1.00	Bargain Hunt. From the Oswestry Showground in Shropshire. (R)
2.00	Escape to the Country. Two couples search for properties in Sussex. (R)
3.00	FA Cup Final Score. The FA Cup edition of the football results and report show continues.
4.15	Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip. Terry Wogan and Mason McQueen taste the food of Salisbury. (R)
4.45	Flog It! The experts visit the Dorford Centre in Dorchester. (R)
5.30	Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph.
6.15	Countryfile. Reports from Cambridgeshire, including the recovery of a crashed Spitfire in the Great Fen, the impact of students on rural areas and a turkey farm run by JB Gill.
6.30	Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights. Action from the weekend's first-round matches, as the 20 non-league teams to progress through the qualifying rounds competed alongside the 48 League One and League Two clubs.
8.00	Earth's Wildest Waters: The Big Fish. The semi-final is held in Canada, where the anglers go searching for Pacific salmon, bull trout and white sturgeon and discover how fish migrations drive the country's ecosystem.
9.00	FILM: Looper (2012). A hitman employed to kill people who have been sent back in time finds his latest target is his future self. Sci-fi thriller, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Bruce Willis.
10.50	Family Guy. Peter befriends a man named Mahmoud while recovering from a sky-diving accident in hospital, but Quagmire and Joe are immediately suspicious of this charismatic newcomer.
11.10	Family Guy. Mayor West becomes the prime suspect when a murder is committed at his mansion - but once his trial begins, one of the jurors begins to doubt his guilt.
11.30	Top Coppers. A mysterious computer hacker launches a cyber-attack on the city demanding Mahogany. Meanwhile, Rust launches a sneaky plan to avoid the tax inspector. Last in the series.
12.00	FILM: Return from the River Kwai (1988). An American pilot shot down over Japanese-occupied Thailand joins forces with guerrillas to rescue Allied POWs. Second World War drama sequel, starring Chris Penn.
1.35	Sign Zone: Countryfile's Ramble for Children In Need. (R)
2.50	Sign Zone: Holby City. (R)
3.50	This Is BBC2.

ITV	
6.00	CITV: Bottom Knockers Street 6.10 Bottom Knockers Street 6.25 Bottom Knockers Street 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.50 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 7.00 Signed Stories: Share a Story 7.05 Oddbods 7.10 Sooty 7.25 Super 4 7.40 Matt Hatter Chronicles 8.00 Marvel Avengers Assemble 8.30 Fish Hooks 9.00 Horrible Science
9.25	FIA Formula E Championship. The Putrajaya ePrix.
10.20	The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. The host takes his successful talk show stateside. (R)
11.15	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
11.20	The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)
12.25	The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)
1.30	The Chase. Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
2.25	The X Factor. The remaining acts face the second of this year's nerve-racking live shows, where they hope to impress Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Nick Grimshaw and Rita Ora once again. (R)
4.40	FILM: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010). Fantasy comedy, starring Emma Thompson.
6.40	ITV News Central; Weather.
6.50	ITV News and Weather.
7.00	Jekyll and Hyde. Robert uses some of his grandfather's potions to cure himself of his alter ego, whom he is desperate to keep secret from Lily, and also discovers his grandmother may still be alive.
8.00	The X Factor. Caroline Flack and Olly Murs present the results of last night's vote, before the lowest scoring acts compete in a sing-off to determine which of them will leave the competition.
9.00	Downton Abbey. Edith must choose whether to tell the truth, Mary wonders if she can make peace with her sister, and Mrs Patmore's bed and breakfast attracts unwanted attention. Last in the series.
10.40	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.50	Off Their Rockers. A foul-mouthed nun runs amok, Seb gets advice on attending a naturist wedding and Dave gives a member of the public his lucky pants. (R)
11.20	Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the fourth round of fixtures, which included Northampton Saints v Saracens, Exeter Chiefs v Leicester Tigers and Wasps v Gloucester.
12.15	Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00	Motorsport UK. Action from Silverstone, featuring the MSA Formula and Porsche Carrera Cup. Commentary by Richard John Neil.
3.50	ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.
5.05	The Jeremy Kyle Show. The host invites guests to air their differences. (R)

Channel 4	
6.20	Everybody Loves Raymond. Ray hurts Debra's feelings. (R)
6.45	Everybody Loves Raymond. Amy's parents point out Robert's strange eating habits. (R)
7.10	Everybody Loves Raymond. Ray bonds with Pat. (R)
7.35	Frasier. Niles breaks a promise to Daphne. (R)
8.00	Frasier. Martin has a heart attack. (R)
8.30	The Simpsons. Homer joins the power plant's softball team. (R)
9.00	The Simpsons. The nuclear plant is sold. (R)
9.30	Sunday Brunch. With Mo'Nique, Claire Goose and Striking Matches.
12.30	The Simpsons. Principal Skinner is exposed as an imposter. (R)
12.55	The Simpsons. Mr Burns brands Homer insane. (R)
1.25	The Simpsons. Bart is placed on medication. (R)
1.55	The Simpsons. Homer is appointed bodyguard to Mayor Quimby. (R)
2.25	The Simpsons. Homer invents a new drink. (R)
2.55	The Simpsons. The family encounters Sideshow Bob in Italy. (R)
3.25	The Simpsons. Homer wins \$1million on the lottery. (R)
3.50	The Simpsons. Maude Flanders is killed. (R)
4.20	The Simpsons. Bart persuades his family to go on a cruise.
4.50	FILM: The Simpsons Movie (2007). Animated comedy, with the voice of Dan Castellaneta.
6.30	Channel 4 News.
7.00	Restoring Britain's Landmarks. Alastair Dick-Clelland visits the engine house at Danescombe, Cornwall, where a refurbishment is underway, while John Evetts searches for an antique telescope. (R)
8.00	Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales travel along the Shannon Erne Waterway, a canal linking Northern and Southern Ireland, and visit historic sites along the way. Last in the series.
9.00	Homeland. Quinn covers for Carrie as Dar and Allison assess the damage. Thriller following a team of CIA agents battling terrorists and problems in their personal lives. Claire Danes stars.
10.00	Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (R)
11.05	FILM: The American (2010). A hitman lies low in an Italian village after a brush with death, and tempts fate by pursuing a relationship with a local woman. Thriller, with George Clooney and Violante Placido.
1.00	Grand Designs Australia. A couple build a property in Perth.
1.55	Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners. (R)
2.50	Come Dine with Me. (R)
3.15	Come Dine with Me. (R)
3.40	Come Dine with Me. (R)
4.10	Come Dine with Me. (R)
4.35	Location, Location, Location. (R)
5.30	1001 Things You Should Know. (R)

Channel 5	
6.00	Milkshake! Peppa Pig 6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas 6.20 Angelina Ballerina 6.30 Bob the Builder 6.45 Ticky Toc 6.55 Zack and Quack 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too 7.15 Make Way for Noddy 7.30 Paw Patrol 7.50 Little Princess 8.00 Pip Ahoy! 8.15 Blaze and the Monster Machines 8.45 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 9.00 Wanda and the Alien 9.10 Toby's Travelling Circus 9.25 Jelly Jam
9.40	Football League Tonight. Highlights and all the goals from the Championship. (R)
11.00	5 News Special: Remembrance Sunday.
11.05	The Secret Life of Pets. The puppies take their first tentative steps. (R)
11.35	FILM: The Town Christmas Forgot (2010). Drama, starring Lauren Holly.
1.20	FILM: The Christmas Bunny (2010). Family drama, starring Sophie Bolen.
3.15	FILM: Defending Santa (2013). Premiere. Festive drama, starring Dean Cain.
5.05	5 News Weekend.
5.10	FILM: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (1991). Action adventure, starring Kevin Costner.
8.05	Impractical Jokers US. New series. The guys sell anti-ageing products by rubbing lotion onto members of the public. They also steal items from supermarket trolleys, and conduct an unusual survey.
8.35	Impractical Jokers US. The guys act as oddball apartment dwellers looking for room-mates.
9.00	FILM: The Expendables 2 (2012). The mercenary team battles a rival band of hired guns who have killed one of their number. Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone and Jean-Claude Van Damme.
10.55	FILM: Highlander (1986). Immortal warriors must fight each other in duels to the death through the centuries, until only one survives. Fantasy action adventure, with Christopher Lambert and Sean Connery.
1.10	SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10	Eamonn & Ruth: How the Other Half Lives. Eamonn Homes and Ruth Langford turn their attention to Britain's most wealthy people, visiting the stately homes, polo clubs and private schools of the UK's multi-millionaires. (R)
4.00	House Doctor. Ann Maurice and Alistair Appleton head for Milton Keynes, where they help a couple desperate to sell their home and move to France. (R)
4.25	Make It Big. The youngsters visit local radio stations. (R)
4.50	Make It Big. Josh meets a journalist. (R)
5.15	Make It Big. Alanna searches for a celebrity guest that the other team members have heard of. Unfortunately, their first choice's fee is too large for the budget. (R)
5.45	Angels of Jarm. (R)
5.50	Angels of Jarm. (R)

Puzzles

BRAIN TRAINING

Test your mental agility. Target times, in minutes, are in the little clocks

9-er



Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all 9 letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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THE CLUES

5753 gives a flower,
49681 gives a second flower,
1298 gives a third flower.

Your time:

X is to Y



1. Piccadilly is to Manchester as Waverley is to ? BIRMINGHAM, BRISTOL, EDINBURGH, GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL

2. Das Rheingold is to Wagner as Tosca is to ? BELLINI, MOZART, PUCCINI, ROSSINI, VERDI

3. The Reader is to Kate Winslet as Milk is to ? CLINT EASTWOOD, RICHARD JENKINS, HEATH LEDGER, SEAN PENN, MICKEY ROURKE

Your time:

Mindbender



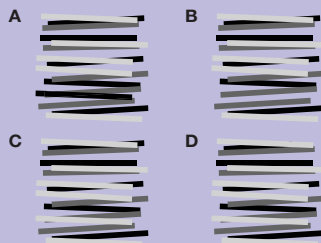
Karen bought some CDs at a rate of six for £20, and sold them at a rate of four for £20. If she made £140 profit, how many CDs did she sell?

Your time:

Mirror Image



Which of the four shapes below is an exact mirror image of the shape on the right?



Your time:

Split Decision



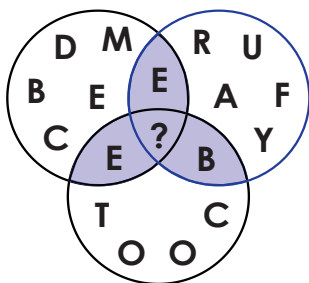
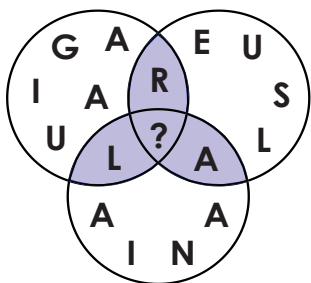
Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

R	E	S	A	C
B	A	L	I	T
A	X	E	L	E
S	K	A	N	E
Y	E	C	V	R
S	P	T	O	S

Your time:

CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be rearranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



ALPHAMUDDLE

Rearrange the letters to make five words that read both across and down. Five letters have been placed to start you off.

R	P	T	A	D
T	A	I	O	S
S	I	C	A	R
C	T	O	K	A
R	K	E	T	R

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IMPOSSIPUZZLES

1. The committee voted for three candidates. Susie got two thirds of the votes, Vera got a quarter and Emily got the remaining three votes.

How many voted?

2. Seven years ago you were seven times as old as me, and five years ago you were only five times as old.

How old am I?

3. I am thinking of a six-digit number. If you move its first pair of digits and put them after the others, you get just double the number. Given that the first digit is 1 and the last digit is 7, what is the number I am thinking of?

SUDOKU

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		7			8		5	6

CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 13 Don't worry! (5,5)
- 14 Girl's name (7)
- 15 Delay (4-2)
- 16 Less fast (6)
- 17 Trial (7)
- 18 Called (5)
- 19 Stir (2-2)
- 20 Very important (5)
- 21 Chose (5)
- 22 Sailor (6)
- 23 Bang (5)
- 28 Tremulous (7)
- 30 Inform (7)
- 33 Bit by bit (9)
- 36 Tried to (6)
- 38 Gather (5)
- 39 Serious (5)
- 40 Tell (6)
- 42 Customary (5)
- 43 Hint (7)
- 44 Fastener (6)
- 46 Promise (4)
- 51 Rows (6)
- 53 Abstract (7)
- 55 Couple (5)
- 59 Buy back (6)
- 60 Yet (5)
- 61 Plan (5)
- 62 Opens (6)
- 63 Last one (4-5)
- 65 Dogs (7)
- 66 Scribbles (7)
- 70 Send (5)
- 71 Beach (6)
- 73 Got up (5)
- 75 Stop (5)
- 80 Hangar (4)
- 82 Squeeze (5)
- 83 Subsequently (5,2)
- 84 On (6)
- 85 Regarded (6)
- 86 Find (3,4)
- 87 Dilutes (6,4)

DOWN

- 1 Spice (6)
- 2 Snag (8)
- 3 Begin (5)
- 4 Possibly (7)
- 5 Warning (6)
- 6 Mad (5)
- 7 Feel (6)
- 8 Tycoon (7)
- 9 Fruit (10)
- 10 Colour (5)
- 11 Metal (8)
- 12 Supply (4)
- 24 Talk (7)
- 25 Join (5)
- 26 Angrily (7)
- 27 Red (7)
- 29 Honks (5)
- 31 Clear (5)
- 32 Wise (4)
- 34 Quite (6)
- 35 Throw (4)
- 37 Wrestle (7)
- 41 Let down (7)
- 45 Equality (6)
- 47 Furious (7)
- 48 Pariah (7)
- 50 Mean (7)
- 52 Shower (4)
- 54 Intended (5)
- 56 Basket (5)
- 57 Insect (4)
- 58 Blow (5)
- 60 Darling (10)
- 64 Stipulated (4,4)
- 67 Body parts (8)
- 68 Stopping (7)
- 69 Instruments (7)
- 72 Lump (6)
- 74 Hurlled (6)
- 76 Canny (6)
- 77 Tool (5)
- 78 Weight (5)
- 79 Terrier (5)
- 81 Greet (4)

SOLUTIONS

9-er
X is to Y
Lily, aster, rose.
9-letter word: ROYALTYES.
Mindbender
Eighty-four CDs.
C is the mirror image.
Split Decision >

B	A	S	I	C
H	L	A	S	I
C	A	R	E	S
S	V	I	S	S
S	T	E	M	S

ACROSS: 13 There there, 14 Abigail, 15 Hold up, 16 Shower, 17 Hearing, 18 Named, 19 To-do, 20 Run down, 21 Opted, 22 Raining, 23 Knock, 24 Shaking, 25 Sledge, 26 Scurry, 27 Scurry, 28 Scurry, 29 Scurry, 30 Scurry, 31 Scurry, 32 Scurry, 33 Scurry, 34 Scurry, 35 Scurry, 36 Scurry, 37 Scurry, 38 Scurry, 39 Scurry, 40 Scurry, 41 Scurry, 42 Scurry, 43 Scurry, 44 Scurry, 45 Scurry, 46 Scurry, 47 Scurry, 48 Scurry, 49 Scurry, 50 Scurry, 51 Scurry, 52 Scurry, 53 Scurry, 54 Scurry, 55 Scurry, 56 Scurry, 57 Scurry, 58 Scurry, 59 Scurry, 60 Scurry, 61 Scurry, 62 Scurry, 63 Scurry, 64 Scurry, 65 Scurry, 66 Scurry, 67 Scurry, 68 Scurry, 69 Scurry, 70 Scurry, 71 Scurry, 72 Scurry, 73 Scurry, 74 Scurry, 75 Scurry, 76 Scurry, 77 Scurry, 78 Scurry, 79 Scurry, 80 Scurry, 81 Scurry, 82 Scurry, 83 Scurry, 84 Scurry, 85 Scurry, 86 Scurry, 87 Scurry, 88 Scurry, 89 Scurry, 90 Scurry, 91 Scurry, 92 Scurry, 93 Scurry, 94 Scurry, 95 Scurry, 96 Scurry, 97 Scurry, 98 Scurry, 99 Scurry, 100 Scurry.

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9	3	8	5	4	7	2	1	6



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High demand leads to growth for team



Nick Jones, right, with staff members

FINANCIAL advice firm St James's Place Wealth Management has moved to new offices to cope with demand for its services in Shropshire.

Nick Jones, a partner with the firm, has been in business in Shropshire for almost 20 years, and has taken over the top floor of Willow House West on Shrewsbury Business Park to add to the bottom floor, which the Shropshire arm of the company already occupies.

It will double the 1,000 sq ft of floor-space the firm operates.

Mr Jones said: "The opportunity to expand our office space has proved very

timely as we continue to build our team of support staff and consultants.

"The new larger offices will provide extra meeting rooms, work areas and valuable extra parking spaces to assist our visiting clients.

"We have enjoyed another record year attracting several new clients and our focus is on maintaining our high standards of personal service to them as we continue to grow the business."

It comes as the number of businesses on Shrewsbury Business Park continues to grow as it expands to the west.

"This significant investment for the

practice includes completely new and integrated telephone and computer systems on both floors, professionally designed and installed by fellow chamber members and Business Park neighbours, Pure Telecom and Network Support Solutions respectively," Mr Jones added.

"A lot of interest has been created recently by new pensions flexibility and we have now developed a new Workplace Pension Service that is designed to offer a tailored level of support for business owners and directors, who now have to comply by a given date, so having a robust plan in place is crucial for them."

Fall in the number of firms in distress

THE number of companies in Shropshire in the midst of a financial crisis has dropped in the last three months, new figures have revealed.

Latest figures from the Red Flag survey, issued by financial services company Begbies Traynor, show that the number of companies in critical distress fell from 16 to six between the second and third quarters of the year.

And the proportion facing "significant" problems has also fallen, from 1,587 to 1,535.

At the same point a year ago, nine companies were at risk of imminent collapse, the figures show.

But 1,471 had significant problems, demonstrating that not everything is rosy in Shropshire's business landscape. John Kelly, Begbies Traynor's regional managing partner, said the significant distress levels showed how businesses need continuing central banking support if they are to stay off the critical list.

"Many of these firms are being kept alive by cheap credit," he said. "I have no doubt that a large number would find themselves in critical distress in the event of an interest rate rise.

"But for the moment they will continue to exist via the lifeline of bank finance without making any retained profit and with little available capital for growth plans." Bars and restaurants have felt an increase in significant difficulty over the last year, with a 77 per cent rise in the number affected to 83, down from 84 in the second quarter.

The number of travel and tourism businesses with money troubles rose by 150 per cent, from eight to 20, and the logistics industry also experienced a rise in cash worries, up by 71 per cent to 29.

But the number of financial services businesses in distress almost halved, from 30 to 17 over the last year.

On the critical list, there are five fewer construction companies teetering on the brink, with just one now in serious trouble.

Sky's the limit for PCP programmes

THE Manchester derby may have ended up being a somewhat forgettable no-score draw – but it brought an experience to remember for one Shropshire firm after Sky Sports cameras came to town.

Precision Colour Printing (PCP) produces match programmes for a number of football clubs from across the country under a tie-up with publishing group Trinity Mirror, and has done the same throughout this year's Rugby World Cup – with the programme for the final also due to be printed in Telford last week.

And Sky Sports News sent cameras to the company's Halesfield headquarters in Telford to watch the souvenir edition of Manchester United's programme rolling off the production line ahead the recent clash with rivals Manchester City.

"It was an exciting experience having Sky Sports visit PCP, and certainly a new experience for us all," said marketing manager Emma Ball.

"It was a great opportunity to show Sky Sports around PCP so they could understand the printing process behind producing such a high profile publication."

The Old Trafford club asked supporters to come up with a design for the match day programme to mark the 170th Manchester derby, with Harri Lyons from Colwyn Bay in North Wales eventually coming up with the winning image.

A sister company of the Shropshire Star within the MNA Group, PCP prints a number of magazines, and employs around 230 people.

Sales director Mark Jones was the man tasked with facing the cameras – although given the programmes are usually printed in a tiny two or three-day window, he admitted being used to stressful experiences.

He said: "The programmes are incredibly demanding. They are sent on a Wednesday, when we print the bulk, with maybe one page left for early on Friday, and they are sent the day before the game as they go to distribution outlets."

The clubs using the service tend to rotate depending on the present contract, with Wolves and Manchester United among the current programmes printed at Telford.

Aston Villa and Newcastle United are among the other clubs to have previously used the Halesfield printer.

Mr Jones added: "Unfortunately, we haven't had the big one yet – Bristol City.

"I remember the days when they had the letters around the edge of the ground telling you the results, but obviously everybody has a mobile phone now.

"People do like the programmes. They like to keep them as something to look back on, and they're a printed product that will carry on for a long time yet."



PCP's marketing manager Emma Ball and account handler Julie Powell with the souvenir programme

Fullwood profits grew in run-up to takeover

PROFITS at agricultural equipment manufacturer Fullwood widened in the year before its historic takeover, newly-released accounts have revealed.

Pre-tax profit rose from £1.4 million to £1.5 million during 2014, despite currency exchange rates dragging on the company's figures and sending its revenues into reverse.

Turnover for the RJ Fullwood and Bland group was down from £71.5 million to £71.2 million during the same period, with a two per cent increase when counted as euros wiped out once it was translated into sterling.

The Ellesmere-based company, which makes equipment for the dairy industry, saw sales of its milking systems hold firm despite the plunging prices paid to dairy farmers during the year.

But sales of cooling tanks and spare parts, the other aspect to the business, grew "substantially" during the year thanks to a strong performance in Europe and growth in areas not usually associated with dairying.

At the beginning of August, Fullwood was taken over by the Verder Group, a Dutch business which specialises in the manufacture of industrial products.

The new figures show that the takeover took place on the back of a successful year for the Shropshire-based company, which employed an average of almost 600 people across the group during 2014.

It achieved its strong performance in spite of a year of extreme change for the dairy industry, in which milk prices plummeted, European milk quotas ended, China drew back from the market and Russia slapped a ban on foreign food imports.

In a report accompanying the accounts, outgoing chairman Richard Lancaster wrote: "Notwithstanding the major fluctuations in milk price through the year our trading levels held firm and our principal markets in Europe broadly held up."

Pear Stairs' travelling wares will attract stares

WORK by some of the world's best known artists have been adapted to front a stair-case maker's new promotional campaign.

Pear Stairs – which makes staircases in Welsh-pool – has decked out three of its lorries with its own twist on works by the likes of Vermeer, Escher and Hirst.

The company took inspiration from the famous pieces of art and adapted them for their latest promotional drive.

Company manager Clive McNamee said employee Clare Harper, who studied art at Central St Martins in London, was tasked with coming up with something eye-catching. And she produced three designs which will now transport the firm's products across the UK.

Mr McNamee said: "We wanted to produce something a little different to what you usually see.

"The images are about poking gentle fun at the world while seriously imprinting Pear Stairs onto the memory



Designs on vans carrying Pear Stairs' goods

of everyone who sees them.

"Clare has done a fantastic job and we are absolutely delighted with the end result."

Mr McNamee said the company now employs 65 staff and operates three shifts covering 24 hours a day, six days a week.

"Clare's brief was to do anything you want as long as it is amazing and she has certainly done that," he added.

"The concept was to pique the curiosity of the viewer by making the images both blatantly obvious and cunningly obscure.

"Although there are pears and stairs covering large parts of the huge canvases any reference to the company name is subtly incorporated within the picture so the viewer has to look for it.

"The idea is to encourage the onlooker to think about what they see and will reinforce the inextricable link between the vibrant images and the Pear Stairs brand."

He said Miss Harper couldn't resist using Vermeer's "Girl with a 'pear' earring," Magritte's "Son of Man" or Hirst's "A 'Pear' Divided" along with Escher's "Relativity" with its never ending impossible staircase.

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Hit movie mirrored the life of town man



Eric Ridley



The movie blockbuster premiered in Bridgnorth

FIFTY years ago a blockbuster movie was released starring the likes of Trevor Howard and Frank Sinatra.

Von Ryan's Express was the fictional story of a group of prisoners of war who escaped from a camp in Italy by capturing a train.

And for Eric Ridley of Bridgnorth, it was a case of: been there, done that.

Because the movie tale mirrored that of his own real-life experience. For he had also escaped from the Germans in Italy. And he too had pinched a train.

First, the movie, which was based on the novel by David Westheimer. Allied prisoners escape from an Italian camp and wrest control of a German train and take it through Italy to Switzerland. It is a suspense-filled adventure, largely shot on location in Italy, and in the ending (spoiler alert, if you've not seen it), Sinatra, playing Ryan, is killed running after the train, whereas in the book he survives.

While the movie made no pretensions at being based on real events, it was not that far removed from the experience of Mr Ridley, of Tasley, who was among the first to go along and watch it at the Majestic cinema in Bridgnorth.

Mr Ridley, a seed merchant and also Scout Commissioner, was the cinema's special guest at the opening of the film for its week-long run in the town.

Speaking in advance, he said: "I dare say it will be a lot more dramatic than we found it in real life, but I shall be interested to see it all the same."

In the real-life story, Lance Corporal Eric Ridley, of the 108th Royal Horse Artillery, aided by 12 other soldiers and an Italian partisan, rode a mountain railway to safety and freedom in Switzerland.

Mr Ridley still had his diaries from the days of the escape. "We were captured by Rommel's troops just out of Tobruk," he said.

"When the Italians capitulated, 13 of us escaped from the camp and headed in the general direction of Switzerland. We hijacked a mountain railway engine – not as fast as Von Ryan's Express – and forced the driver, much against his wishes, to take us over the mountains. A short time later, with the aid of a map issued as a soap firm advertisement, we crossed into Switzerland at Spruga," he said.

It was not to be the end of his troubles. Indeed, a whole lot of other troubles began, as it was while he was there that he contracted polio, but it was also where he met his wife Betty, who nursed him.

He died on June 26, 1995, aged 76, and his son Michael, who had been Bridgnorth's youngest ever mayor, died only a few weeks later.



An artist's impression from 2001 showing the proposal to erect a clock tower



The Pritchard Memorial in Broseley from a postcard courtesy of Ray Farlow

Tragic tale of boy who fell in the well

FOR those Broseley folk who could remember the Pritchard Memorial Fountain – and there will still be a few alive who can – the one thing that would always be brought to mind was the tragic fate of James Nock.

If they could not recall his name, they would nevertheless be able to tell the tale of the little boy who fell in the well underneath the memorial and drowned.

The Pritchard Memorial was a Victorian Gothic structure which could have been a jewel for Broseley, dominating the town centre, but ended up more like a curse.

So far as we can tell, there doesn't appear to have been any fuss when it was demolished in November 1947. It seems to have been considered a bit of an eyesore.

It is easy to believe that the fate of young James, who was not yet three and came from Hockley Road, will have influenced perceptions. Some thought that the accident had happened in the 1930s, not long before the demolition. In fact the tragedy had happened many years before, on August 28, 1887.

The little lad, along with his eight-year-old brother Charles, and three others, had been playing inside the memorial rails, throwing stones down the well, when he fell in.

At the inquest held three days later at the Hole-in-the-Wall pub, the coroner heard from one John Watson, a moulder, that his daughter had had a narrow escape from the same fate some six weeks before.

"He knew that the slab had been open for nearly 12 months, and the reason he did not report this was because he was afraid of getting into a bother," the contemporary newspaper report said. The slab presumably was the well covering.

"Ann Love said she had had charge of the memorial fountain to keep it clean for the last 25 years, and received 1s. per week.

"The locks were often broken and taken away, especially since last Christmas. The

MEMORY LANE

Report by Toby Neal

place was safe when she saw it last, and the slab was there just after Christmas."

The coroner, a Dr Tailer (sic), did not think that there was any person absolutely to blame for the accident, but Mr Mason – the newspaper report does not say who Mr Mason is – considered that those who had the management of the place were to blame.

"After some discussion the jury returned a verdict of 'accidentally drowned,' and added a rider that they considered the managers of the well had been very lax."

One person who could recall the memorial was the late Dennis Mason, a well known local historian from Benthall, who knew tragic James' brothers, Albert and Thomas.

"It was a piece of gross Victoriana, a horrible thing."

"It was very dirty and people used to congregate around it. It was a scruffy old place. It had no virtue at all. It looks much better on photographs than it was in real life," he said.

James' death was just the latest misfortune for the Pritchard Memorial, which had been plagued with bad luck from the start.

George Pritchard was a local banker and former High Sheriff of Shropshire who had striven to make clean water available to ordinary townfolk, and the memorial fountain to commemorate him after his death in 1861 was intended to benefit the town's poor and supply them with good water.

But even before work started, which was some time around the autumn of 1862, there were warnings that it was tapping into foul water.

The warnings proved correct. According to British History Online, the iron content was so high as to make it undrinkable.

Today all that remains of the memorial is the plinth. There was a proposal in 1999 to erect a clock tower on the site, potentially to mark the millennium.

It never happened.

BROSELEY.
A BOY DROWNED.—On Tuesday evening, at the Hole-in-the-Wall public-house, the borough coroner, Dr. Tailer, held an inquest on the body of James Nock, who was drowned in the well at the Pritchard Memorial Fountain, on Sunday last. Mr. J. D. Smith was elected foreman.—James Nock, father of the deceased, said that he was a bankman, and resided at Hockley Road. The deceased was his child, and was nearly three years old.—Charles Nock (8), brother of the deceased, deposed that he and his brother, with three others, were playing inside the memorial rails on Sunday afternoon. The gate was opened, and they were throwing stones down the well, and when engaged in this act the deceased slipped and fell in.—Joseph Heighway said when he was acquainted of the occurrence he succeeded in obtaining a rope from Mr. William Barnett, grocer. He knew the slab had been opened three months.—John Jones, miner, stated that he pulled the child out dead with a drag.—John Watson, moulder, informed the jury that his daughter had had a narrow escape some six weeks ago, in falling into the same well. He knew that the slab had been open for nearly 12 months, and the reason he did not report this was because he was afraid of getting into a bother.—Ann Love said she had had charge of the memorial fountain to keep it clean for the last 25 years, and received 1s. per week. The locks were often broken and taken away, especially since Christmas. The place was safe when she saw it last, and the slab was there just after Christmas.—The Coroner did not think that there was any person absolutely to blame for the accident.—Mr. Mason considered that those who had the management of the place were to blame.—After some discussion, the jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally drowned," and added a rider that they considered the managers of the well had been very lax.

How tragic James' death was reported

Find the clues that point to location of old photograph

TAKE a long, hard look at this photo of Market Drayton from yesteryear, and see if you can work out where it is.

If you're having trouble, there are a few clues to be had. On the right you can see the pub sign for the Royal Oak Inn, and on the left is the sign for the Drovers Arms, and the name of the licensee there is Roden.

Still finding it hard?

The dinker comes if you look into the distance and on the left you just get a glimpse of the pillars of the Butter Cross.

Yes, you guessed it (didn't you?), it's Cheshire Street – but not as you know it, as things have changed radically since this photo was taken.

And we are talking about many years ago, as it may well be the oldest existing photo of the town.



Is this the oldest picture of Market Drayton?

It was republished in the Newport and Market Drayton Advertiser in May 1964 when it was described as showing the town "100 years ago" which would of course point to

an 1864 date, but we're going to guess that it might be even older than that.

The streets look deserted, but that may well be deceptive as the photographer would have used a long exposure in those days and unless somebody in the street stayed still for a significant time, they would not have been captured in the image.

The half timbered Royal Oak dated from 1652, and according to local historian Keith Pybus was replaced by a new Royal Oak Hotel, the date of which is variously given as 1871 or 1877.

As for the Drovers Arms, a nostalgic article written in 1934 mentioned it and said "there stands the Bank," so it had obviously disappeared and a bank built on the site by that date.

If you can add any more information about this ancient photo, pinpoint when it was probably taken, and tell us what's what, do drop us a line.

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Stepping up tech game

By Graham Breeze

Audi's rival to the BMW 3-Series and Jaguar's XE goes on sale this month and the company has broken with tradition by revealing the load-carrying Avant at the same time.

The A4 is the most advanced saloon I have driven – in fact, it all but drives itself with all the latest state-of-the-art technologies such as infotainment, driver assistance, traffic jam driving aids and improved cruise control.

Scariest of all is a sensor system which sees the car drive itself at speeds of up to 38mph, with the driver able to keep hands and feet clear of steering wheel and pedals. What you're supposed to do in that time is anybody's guess but I would advise against the make-up brush or laptop.

This is the ninth generation of the premium executive saloon, and while you will be hard pressed to see the difference outwardly, this car really does prove that appearances can be deceptive. Because this is not a facelift, it's an entirely new model, with improvements in performance, space, technology and overall performance.

In fact, everything has changed except the name.

Audi has continued its drive to refine improvements and although power is up by 25 per cent, fuel efficiency is improved by an amazing 21 per cent across the entire

range, aided by the new front-wheel drive MLB Evo platform that drops weight by 120kg, despite adding 21mm in length and 12mm to wheelbase.

There's more badly needed head and leg room for rear seat passengers but disappointingly that means no increase in boot space on the saloon. Avant does gain 15 litres though.

Prices start at £25,900 for the 148bhp 1.4 TFSi petrol version, with the range available at launch in three trims: SE, Sport and S-Line. Sport adds £950 to the base price SE trim, while flagship S-Line goes all out with prices from £30,150 to £35,680 for TDI Quattro.

The changes are obvious inside the cabin with a completely redesigned centre console and dash. It's like sitting in a virtual cockpit. With the tablet-style MMI display also getting an upgrade along with improvements to seats and steering wheel.

You can also pick your own design features when ordering, which will include interior trim colours and detailed sills and dash plus sound systems and LED lights.

Every spec offers plenty of Audi technological sophistication with SE models getting xenon headlamps with LED daytime running lamps, three-zone climate control, cruise control, rear parking sensors and smartphone interface displaying contacts and mapping.

Sports models get exclusive five-spoke alloy wheels and MMI navigation and free three months internet connection as well as sports seats and steering wheel.

The business user will be particularly at-



'Changes are obvious inside the cabin with a completely redesigned centre console and dash.'

tracted to the 2.0litre TDi with 150PS and six-speed manual transmission because it delivers combined fuel consumption figures of 74.3mpg and CO2 emission figures of a 'claimed' 99g/km – even in SE and Sport models.

The TDi also offers best-in-class prices from £29,150, a BIK rate of only 17 per cent, the lowest VED band rate, the widest spread of torque in class, 0-62mph in 8.9 seconds and a top speed of 130mph.

Audi's legendary quality is evident everywhere you look and the ride has been improved thanks to electromechanical steering and vastly improved suspension. The A4 is also as quiet to drive as the magnificent A8.

BMW and Jaguar bosses will be keeping a keen eye on the A4 as Audi steps up the technology game to an even higher level. The day will surely arrive when the first driverless Audi hits the road.

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F-Type a dream of a drive

By Graham Breeze

Thanks to the Jaguar F-Type R Convertible, I've just experienced a week of sheer motoring pleasure.

Powered by Jaguar's amazing 5.0-litre V8 supercharged engine, the new F-Type delivers breathtaking power and is as close to the driver's dream as it gets.

It enjoys crazy, ridiculous, unbelievable power – there aren't enough words really to describe the driving sensation of reaching 0-60mph in 3.9 seconds and a top speed of 186mph.

Little wonder that means best-in-class power and torque as well as best power-to-weight and torque-to-weight.

It's the glorious noise produced when you rev the five-litre engine that hits you first. For an enthusiast there can be no better sound and at the flick of the active sports exhaust switch you can even make things louder – just for the sheer fun of it.

So if you want to remain anonymous start looking in different showrooms. They won't just see you coming in the F-Type they will hear you from miles away thanks to quad exhaust pipes.

The first thing to appreciate once behind the wheel is the amount of power you are responsible for. The latest model may come with an all-wheel-drive system but you still have to keep your wits about you to maintain straight-line driving once you hit the throttle.

You get a lot more help these days thanks to suspension tuning, and torque vectoring to keep you on the road, but this is not a car for the inexperienced driver.

Buying a supercar is also going to cost you a lot of money and the F-Type is no exception with a basic price of £97,145. For that you get an awful lot though, including chrome side power vents, 20in black alloy wheels and R-themed leather interior and seats.

There's a DAB radio and configurable ambient lighting, intelligent driving dynamics, rear parking help, torque vectoring by braking with electronic active differential, tyre pressure monitoring and steering column adjustment with memory function.

Intelligent

The wipers are rain sensing and the bi-function HID Xenon headlights come with intelligent high beam assist. There's also valuable front windscreen heating and power-assisted steering.

The cabin is a stunning place to be with an eight-inch touch-screen display containing all the information you need, flat bottomed leather sports steering wheel, stainless-steel pedals, carbon seat trim and a pedestrian contact sensing system.

As you would expect there's a first class sat-nav system, SOS assistance call system and a superb infotainment package along with a 10-speaker surround-sound system to keep you entertained even with the roof down.

The test car included another £6,000 worth of extras including an extended leather



'It's the glorious noise produced when you rev the five-litre engine'

package, illuminated tread plates, a parking pack, visibility pack, blind spot monitoring, smart key system, climate control, extra speakers and heated seats to push the overall price up to £103,715.

Jaguar claim combined fuel figures of 25mpg but you'll be hard pressed to achieve that if you are anything less

than a careful driver – if you get my drift. CO2 emissions are also very high at 269g/km.

The introduction of the all-wheel-drive system will make the F-Type a more attractive option but it remains only an option for those with deep pockets. The rest of us can only dream.

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07 (07)	KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDi SX Crystal Blue		£4,850
05 (55)	LAND ROVER FREELANDER TD4 FREESTYLE 5DR, Black		£4,850
04 (53)	LANDROVER FREELANDER 2.0 TD4 HSE Silver		£2,850
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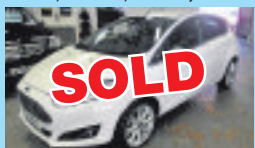
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Ladies October Greensomes: K Gleave & P Hiles Nett 75.2; L Goff (L Captain) & K Thornycroft Nett 75.4; J Wales & E Brown Nett 76.8; October 3 Ball Texas Scramble: K Gleave, L Goff (L Captain) & N Jones Nett 67.2; C Hollins, F Nutt & V Jones-Roberts Nett 71; E Brown, P Hiles, J Lewis & K Thornycroft Nett 77.1.

Seniors Bill Blake Trophy: G Whitby 40pts off 19; B Parker 40pts off 18; D Barnett 39pts off 10.

Junior October Stableford: T Bache 31pts off 27; T Welch 27pts off 22; M Hughes 24pts off 27; Junior Club Finals - Club Champion Winner: J Evans, runner-up: M Moore; Tern Hill Trophy winner: C Welch, runner-up: M Hughes.

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OSWESTRY

Christmas Competition - Individual Stableford: S France 41pts; G Evans 40pts (c/b); N Kershaw 40pts; J Mike Jones 39pts; F Mottram 38pts (c/b); S Roberts 38pts.

Ladies Autumn Open: M Alford, G Wooman, D Mottram & A Barker 35pts (c/b); J Williams, L Fawcolds, J Turner, M Green 35pts; M Tomkinson, J Woomans, S Goldsmith, M Edwards 92pts.

Draw for Partners: One-One Stableford 18 holes: D Mottram, A Barker, M Green 79 points; S Wigley, D Hall, M Green h/p 70; T Hyde, S Watanabe, B Bewley 69; P Murlin, S Baxter, D Jones 69; A Davies, K Jones, J Edwards 69; 9 holes: G Hopkin, J Taylor, P Weston 33; G Sheppard, W Horro (S Wilson h/p) 33; K Wilkinson, K Easthope, G Ankers 33.

THE BROW

Winter League 2: 1. Paul Shore 31 points; 2. Keith Abbott 23; 3. Karl Fairbank 26; 4. Peter Morris 25; 5. Garry Gregory 22

Young Eagles record super win on travels

WHILE the senior sides had a weekend off, Oswestry's young guns took centre stage with the under-13s winning 24-7 at Telford.

The Eagles produced a fine team performance, bolstered by two excellent under-12 players, Jacob Jones and Louis McKenzie.

The home side could not live with the pace and aggression shown by the Oswestry forwards, marshalled by their captain at scrum-half, Jacob Munro.

The Oswestry onslaught resulted in a bulldozing run by Marin Petrov who was then driven over the line by his pack for the first try, converted by fly half Aidan Lindsay.

Telford worked hard to get back into the game, which eventually saw them cross for a converted try.

Disappointed at this lapse in concentration, Oswestry powered their way back up the field, with Fergus Downes wriggling his way over the line to score an uncontested try.

The Eagles continued to force their hosts back, and their efforts resulted in Downes outstripping numerous defenders for pace to score two further tries to complete a fine hat-trick, one converted by Lindsay.

■ Oswestry's senior players will be back in action next weekend, the second team at home to Macclesfield (2.15) while the first and third teams are on the road to Trentham and Congleton respectively.



COBRA's rugby players who are looking for improved fortunes after a tough start to the season in the Swalec Welsh League division one (north)

COBRA fightback is not quite enough

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

COBRA made an early exit in the North Wales Cup after putting up a valiant effort in their 25-21 home loss to Ruthin in a first round tussle.

From being 15-0 down, the Meifod men staged a stirring fightback in a terrific cup tie, and were only denied by some superb defence from the visitors who held on grimly to withstand a barrage of late pressure to progress to the second round.

On a damp and cold night, the crowd were warmed by an entertaining encounter as Ruthin flew out of the blocks and hit their hosts with an early Deian Lloyd Williams penalty. Then, with less than five minutes played, visiting skipper Kyle Davies stripped the ball from a COBRA back and sped over in the corner to make it 8-0.

With the hosts still to find their feet, Ruthin were in full flow and scored the try of the match with a fine flowing backs move with the ever-green Huw Cedwyn PARRY finding space wide out to cross before touching down under the posts.

Deian converted to make it 15-0 to seemingly put Ruthin well on their way to the next round.

However, back came the Llanfair Caereinion men with some impressive forward power as they dominated both the scrums and line out.

A multi phase move saw prop Bryn Edwards cross over, with fly half Llew Williams providing the conversion to reduce the deficit to 15-7 at the interval. Now with their tails up, the home side saw two penalties from Williams closed the gap to just two points.

Ruthin sensed they had to raise their game again and, following a missed tackle, the impressive Mike Adams and Josh Wilson surged into the opposition 22. The ball then found its way wide to Steff Morgan who showed great footwork to score in the corner, with Phyl Roberts converting from out wide for a 22-13 advantage.

The game continued to flow and COBRA were in no mood to surrender as they got back into the game again with a penalty from Williams.

More good forward play saw prop Edwards power over for his second try of the game after several phases of pressure, but the conversion was missed to leave COBRA trailing by one point at 22-21 going into the last 15 minutes.

Ollie Powell-Jones then earned Ruthin a penalty right in front of the posts with some great work at the breakdown. Roberts slotted to give his side a 25-21 advantage.

WELSHPOOL are out of the North Wales Intermediate Cup without stepping out on the pitch as they conceded their clash at Llanidloes. Pool had indicated early in the week that they were struggling to raise a side.

Local backing for college rugby



Shropshire-based businessman Dylan Barker with Ellesmere College's Fijian rugby players

ELLESMERE College has been given a helping hand in its bid to attract talented young players from around the world.

Shropshire based businessman Dylan Barker is returning to his roots to support community rugby in conjunction with the college.

Precolor Tank Division, based in Market Drayton, has provided the school with an award to assist in the recruitment of young rugby players from abroad.

Students will be provided with

the opportunity to attend Ellesmere College and realise their potential both on the rugby pitch and in the classroom.

This year, the Precolor Award went to three international players from Fiji, who have entered the school in the Sixth Form.

Rugby coach Alex Murphy said: "The provision of such an award now allows us to provide these players with help and support to pay for uniforms, kit and travel expenses. I am so pleased that this annual award will help so

many budding rugby players who just need an opportunity."

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Precolor representative Dylan Barker, himself involved at mini rugby level with Bridgnorth RFC, said: "I appreciate the need and difficulty to inspire youngsters to reach their full potential. At

Harry is handed the skipper role with county

SHROPSHIRE golfer Harry Burt has spoken of his joy at becoming junior county captain after a very tough year.

The 17-year-old has been with The Shropshire Golf Club since the age of nine but has struggled with illness for the past 12 months.

He was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis – which forced him to take some time off from the sport – but is now playing again and will lead the junior county side in 2016.

"It's really relieving to become county captain, it's built up since I was about 12 or 13," said Burt.

"It's a really good thing for me, it's great to have some positive news after a tough year.

"I've had a very tough year with illness, things weren't really going right so I went to to the hospital and was diagnosed with a mild form of ulcerative colitis.

"I had to take around two or three months off from golf to get myself in the right shape and the right frame of mind.

"It's getting better. It's not quite where I would want it to be, but I have got to cope with it because it's not just one of those things that goes away.

"I want to prove to people that you can play with the illness, and raise awareness. It's quite a common thing but people don't talk about it."

Taking over the captaincy role from Will Enefer, Burt is looking to lead the juniors to glory. He aims to develop the youngsters, along with chairman of junior golf Charles Sievwright, and have a good season individually. "We are looking to finally win the league this year. We have been a bit unlucky in the last few years," added Burt.

Hockey men hit perfect ten in goal glut

OSWESTRY flexed their muscles in the West Midlands Hockey League division one with a rousing 10-5 victory over unbeaten Stafford.

After rattling in seven goals the previous week against Newtown, Os maintained their free scoring form to move joint top of the table along with West Bromwich.

With four wins and one loss, they will hope to maintain their form when they visit mid-table Leamington on Saturday.

Stafford were sent packing as Gareth Kelsaw led the charge with four of the goals, three from short corners. Jody Wilson and Jack Wilson also weighed in with hat-tricks.

Os were soon in their stride, went 3-0 up, but Stafford reduced the deficit to 4-3 at half time.

However, the hosts surged 10-3 ahead before the visitors bagged a couple of consolation goals.

OSWESTRY LADIES, who had no game in the Cheshire Women's Hockey League division two, travel at Knutsford Ladies.

The football fixtures for this weekend

Greenhouse Shrewsbury & District League

Premier League: Compasses v Rock Rovers Youth; Coton Rovers v SAHA; Kinnerley v Cruckton Rovers; Loppington v The Gates; Pontesbury v Instones United

Division 1: Ranelagh Athletic Market v Norbury v Conder Foxes v Anchor Inn; Coracle AFC v Peacock Corinthians; Rock Rovers v Bagley Sports

Division 2: Steam Wagon v Belvidere

Division 4: Bomers Heath v Unicorn

Sportsjam Regional League

Premier Division: AFC Brosley v Oakengates Athletic; Childs Ercall v Allscott; FC Hodnet v Church Stretton; Madley Sports v Rock Rovers; Prees v Wrockwade WFC; FC Oswestry Town v Wroxeter Rovers

Division 1: Bishop's Castle Town FC v AFC Wellington; Clee Hill United v Brown Clee; Oakengates Rangers v Highley Miners Welfare; Stoke Heath 1st v Gobowen Celtic

Division 2: Albrighton Juniors v Craven Arms Town; FC Oswestry Res v Coven Utd; Madley Sports Res v Whitchurch Albion; Hand-lay Casuals v AFC Brosley Res; Riverside v Claverley; St Martins Res v Denso

Local players named in teams of season

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

among the awards committee in drawing them up."

Teams:

Premier Division: Ian Gillespie* (Bomere Heath), Harry Chandler (Wem), Jamie Griffiths (St Georges), Rajat Bhatia (Newport), Matt Cohen (Wem), Mark Downes (Newport), Tom Weller (Frankton), Alan Johnson (Riesman Services), Tyler Siegart (Wem) (Bomere Heath), Danny Cohen (Wem), Harry Stow (Frankton).

Division One: Carl Starling (Allscott), Mark Jones (Alberbury), Steve Gray (Knockin), Ben Matthews (Shelton), Jason Allen (Allscott), Ashley Sokalo (Knockin), Sam Cooke (wk) (Newtown), Jason Summers* (Albington), John Anthony (Newtown), Chris Sayers (Forton), Matt Sayers (Forton).

Division Two: Jonathan Mitchell (Ellesmere), Graham Ball (Willey), Tom Anderson (Welshpool), Mark Brown* (Much Wenlock), Aaron Ruff-Cock (Montgomery), Stephen Williams (Prees), Ruch Nimantha (Cae Glas), Paul Chapman (wk) (Wellington), Matthew Farr (Condover), Thomas Crump (Church Stretton), Ashley Thomas (Ellesmere).

Division Three: Kevin Humphreys (Shifnal), Nathan Whittingham* (Wheaton Aston), Elliott Ward (Chelemarsh), Gurjeet Saini (Church Aston), Rob Davies (Llanidloes), James O'Reilly (Oswestry), Bobby Gil (Church Aston), Duncan Wright (Iscoyd & Fenns Bank), Chris Rowe (Calyverhall), Tom Lea (Iscoyd & Fenns Bank), Paul Mantle (wk) (Corvedale).

Division Four: Neil Bennett (Trysul & Seisdon), Keith Sambrook* (Acton Reynald), Christopher Gask (Hodnet & Peplow), Matt Lawren-

son (Overton), Darren Evanson (wk) (Harcourt), Anshul Rodotra (Hin-stock), Rob Lawrenson (Overton), Steve Jones (Harcourt), Allan Myatt (St Georges), Christopher Stretch (Hodnet & Peplow), Daniel Viles (Trysul & Seisdon).

Reserve One: Russell Mellings (Wem), Dave Powell (Frankton), Graham Trow (Cound), Pabel Kumar Saha (Reman), Andy Parry (Cound), Dave Nock (Newport), Nathan Hakeman (wk) (Quatt), Paul Bolland (Bomere), Lewis Davies (St Georges), Jack Kelly (Frankton), Pete Ezard* (Reman).

Reserve Two: Tim Clare* (Allscott), Paul Davies (Shelton), Alan Jackson (Shelton), Mike Rogers (Condover), Charlie Rogers (Condover), Allister Corfield (Pontesbury), Grant Mackay (Alberbury), Kelvin Price (wk) (Llleshall), Julian Gallimore (Knockin), Connor Green (Willey), Graham Barker (Willey).

Reserve Three: Tony Rowland (Brosley), John Barker (Montgomery), Mark Mottershead (Iscoyd & Fenns Bank), Jack Purkis (Bishops Castle), Chris Edwards (Market Drayton), Keith Griffiths* (Montgomery), Mike Lewis (Ellesmere), Jamie Dowley (wk) (Iscoyd & Fenns Bank), Jake Chaplin (Iscoyd & Fenns Bank), Steve Wickstead (Market Drayton), Lee Boden (Brosley).

Division 4A: Feroq Mubashir (Newport), Tim Norman (Reman), Dave Farrell* (Cound), Mark Smout (Bomere), Martin Hulme (Bomere), Rob Oliver (Knockin), Les Jakeman (wk) (Newport), Jeff Evenett (Worfield), Ollie Harris (Frankton), Paul Wilkes (Alberbury), Stephen Bradley (Wem).

Division Five: Chris Hurst*, Jamie White (both Quayside), David Wright (Llleshall), Phil Lewis (Ludlow), Sam Baugh (Bridgnorth), Mark Stevens, Navrit Jogi (both Albrighton), Matthew Bowler-Jones (Bridgnorth), Ian Dalton, Neil Williams (wk), Matthew Harris (all Quayside).

Matthews nets four as Llan go seven-up

HOT-SHOT Iwan Matthews continued his rich vein of form with four goals as Llanrhaeadr kept up the pressure on the leaders in the Spar Mid Wales League division one with a 7-2 romp against lowly Tywyn Bryncreg.

Llan had found themselves trailing before hitting back to lead 2-1 right on half time, before surging clear in the second half.

Matthews lead the way with his four-goal blast, with Chris Aitken, Jack Brayne and Wayne Austin also finding the net, while Ben Richards replied with a brace.

Victory pushed Llan up to third, three points off the pace, and they face a big clash at title favourites Penrhynoch on Saturday

Leaders **WELSHPOOL**, who had gone top in midweek with their 2-1 win over Montgomery, were edged out 1-0 at Bow Street who took the spoils with a late strike from Ifan Burrell.

CARNO are breathing down the necks of the leaders in fifth position following a 5-0 romp at bottom club Montgomery

WATERLOO ROVERS hit back to overcome Llanidloes Town 3-1 through Ian McLeod, Neil Pryce and a Will Pritchard penalty in the second half after the Daffs had opened the scoring with a header from ex-Rovers striker Charlie Proctor.

Elsewhere Aberaeron edged out faltering Llandrindod Wells 1-0, while Machynlleth were 3-1 winners against Hay St Mary's.

■ **BERRIEW** sealed their place in the third round of the Central Wales Challenge Cup after prevailing 3-0 at Spar Mid Wales League rivals Four Crosses.

Despite several of their first team squad being unavailable, the Rhiewsidars produced a solid and dominant performance which was capped by two goals from Jonny Roberts and one from Dave Roberts.

Llansantffraid Village marched on with a 3-0 success against Llanedwyn at Treflan, while Abermule overcame Churchstoke 3-0, and high riding Kerry thumped Llanfyllin 5-1 to keep their flag flying.

Forden United booked their place in the third round after winning 3-1 at Presteigne, but Llany-mynech bowed out after losing 4-2 at New Quay following extra time.

Sky Sports' Merson is on the way

FORMER football ace and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson is back in Mid Wales to be guest speaker at Berriew's sportsman's dinner later this month.

The ex-Arsenal and England star turned out as a surprise player for Welshpool Town a few years back, but is unlikely to bring his boots this time.

He will meet up again with current Rhiewsidars boss Dave Jones, who brought him and another former pro, Chris Kamara, to help out struggling Welshpool when he was manager of the Maesdyre club back in 2012.

This time Merson will be supported by comedian John Stiles at the dinner to be held at Berriew Community Centre on Sunday, November 15, with a 12.30pm start.

League chief passes away

OFFICIALS and bowlers of one of Shropshire's oldest veterans leagues are mourning the loss of their president.

Bill Garratt, the proud holder of the position with the Salop Leisure Shrewsbury Senior Citizens League, has died aged 98. His funeral will be at Shrewsbury Crematorium at 2pm on Monday, November 16.

Garratt had attended the league's President's Day at Severnside on September 17.

Jenkins at double as Guils taste Cup joy

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

GUILSFIELD kept their flag flying in the Welsh Cup after booking their third round ticket with 3-2 victory over plucky Penrhyndeudraeth.

Adam Jenkins netted twice in the second half, his first from the penalty spot, and Sam Litchfield added a third to earn their side a place in the last 32.

In a cagey and goalless first half, neither side created many chances of note after Jake Cook had rattled the crossbar for the hosts after just four minutes.

Penrhyn were providing dogged opposition, but the second period sparked to life with Litchfield breaking clear only to see his shot smash against the bar on 52 minutes.

However, the breakthrough came midway through the half when James Henderson was held down in the opposing penalty area, and the referee promptly awarded a spot kick which Jenkins drilled home.

Jenkins doubled his tally with a fine left footed strike on 78 minutes and the second round tie appeared to be over as a contest.

However, Penrhyn were given a lifeline with Meilir Williams chipping a reply moments later, but Litchfield launched a strong run at the other end to restore the two goal cushion on 84 minutes.

However, Williams notched a second goal by converting a dubious penalty on 86 minutes to keep the visitors in the hunt.

But the Guils were not to be denied, holding firm in the latter stages to avoid any upsets and clinch a £1,500 payout.

It was the end of the road for **LLANFAIR UNITED** who bowed out 5-3 at home to Cymru Alliance rivals, and one time trophy winners, Prestatyn Town.

Scoreline

Despite their efforts, they were three goals down at half time, before second half replies from Alun Hughes, Steve Andrew and Paul Griffiths gave the scoreline more respectability.

The hosts trailed 4-0 and 5-1 in the second half as Prestatyn showed some real quality, but refused to let their heads drop as they earned some late consolation.

“Our boys did well, but we were beaten by a better side, sometimes you just have to accept that,” said manager Rhys Stephens.

“We played well in the first half, found ourselves 3-0 down, but showed a lot of spirit and fight in the second half.”

A brace from Jonathan Evans saw Penrhynoch book their passage into the third round with a 4-0 victory over Trearddur Bay.

The Roosters had been braced for a testing assignment against their previously unbeaten Anglesley visitors, but proved too hot to handle as they cantered through.

Evans' strike separated the sides at the break before Jon Foligno, Nathan Warren and Evans, with his second in the last minute, secured a convincing victory.

Chirk AAA went out 4-0 at Cymru Alliance side Holyhead Hotspur, and Knighton Town put up a battling show before losing 6-3 away at Holywell Town.

Huws Gray Cymru Alliance fixtures

Friday: Buckley Town v Denbigh Town. **Saturday:** Caersws v Llanfair Utd, Cefn Druids v Conwy Borough, Flint Town Utd v Mold Alex, Holyhead Hotspur v Caernarfon Town, Holywell Town v Gresford Ath, Porthmadog v Prestatyn Town, Rhayader Town v Guilsfield.

Town cruise to 9-0 win in cup



FC Oswestry Town go close from a corner in the comfortable win at Trefonen. Pictures: Ian Jones.

HARRY Kerry and Chris Bishop both bagged hat-tricks as FC Oswestry Town eased into the third round of the Shropshire Cup with a 9-0 passage at Trefonen.

Making the short trip, Town started brightly against their Montgomeryshire League hosts with headed chances falling to Guy Guilford and Bishop in the first few minutes.

And it was not long before they took the lead in the 11th minute when Jordan Gerrard smashed the ball in to the bottom right corner from 12 yards after beating two defenders.

That advantage was doubled seven minutes later with a fine finish from Chris Bishop who soon added his second when he broke clear to fire home from the edge of the box.

Moments later, Kerr added to the scoresheet to make it four, and seven minutes before the break it was 5-0 as Guilford's pinpoint cross from the left found Kerr who volleyed home from close range.

After the break, Kerr completed his hat-trick with a right footed shot in to the top left corner, before Bishop also brought up his treble with a well taken strike from the edge of the box which he side footed in to the bottom right corner.

Guilford then got in on the act in the 76th minute when making it eight with a neat finish, before the scoring was rounded off when Dave Hartshorn crashed home No9 as Town ran out comfortable winners against a spirited Trefonen side who never gave up.

Town now return to the business of the Mercian Regional League premier division on Saturday as they bid to maintain their title challenge against Wroxeter Rovers at the Park Hall Venue (2pm).

FC Oswestry reserves went out of the Shropshire Cup, losing 5-6 on penalties against Riverside after finishing 3-3 following extra time, while St Martins reserves also



Jordan Gerrard opened the scoring

Morda taste defeat for first time this season

MORDA United suffered their first defeat of the season in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one when a fine first half finish from Gareth Jones saw them succumb 1-0 at Caersws Reserves.

The Weston Road side were up against it even before the first whistle after making the longest journey required in this league with just 11 available players due to injuries.

Playing on their first heavy pitch of the season, they struggled to deliver their normal confident passing play, and found their youthful hosts boosted by having first team manager Graham Evans guiding them from the back.

The first Caersws chance came after four minutes when Joe Morris broke through only to be thwarted by the alert keeper Josh Thomas.

For Morda, Emlyn Williams was unlucky to see a great shot on the turn saved while Kyle Wilson twice saw efforts go the wrong side of the woodwork.

After going close several times, the Bluebirds took the lead on the half hour when Gareth Jones left three defenders trailing in his wake before finding the net with an accurate low shot.

The visitors showed more purpose after the break with Jack Jones, Kyle Wilson, Nathan Richards and Will Bristow all involved in some good approach play.

Their two best moves ended with Emlyn Williams and Steve Bishton just failing to reach defence splitting passes.

Moving Aled Davies up front for the final few minutes nearly paid dividends when the tall defender narrowly failed to connect with a Gwyn Davies free kick.

Morda will be looking bounce back on Saturday when manager Colin Turner hopes to have a fuller squad available.

Elsewhere in division one, Llanrhaeadr reserves ran out 7-1 winners at Llanfechain.

Meanwhile, Dyffryn Banw's poor run of form continued in the Spar Mid Wales League division two after going down 3-2 at home to Aberyswtyth University.

Aled Davies and Dyffryn Jones were on the mark for Banw, but their efforts were outweighed by Matthew Hunton (2) and Liam Powell.

St Martins win 10-goal thriller again

FOR the second week running, St Martins embarked on a goal spree to soar up to fifth position in the West Midlands League division one.

After dispatching rock bottom Worcester Raiders 7-3 the week before, the Saints went one better as they racked up an 8-2 victory at another of the strugglers, Wyrley.

Jamie Hands led the way with a hat-trick, with Shawn Melusi and Dan Graham both scoring twice, and Karl Bailey getting the other.

The Saints now head to Bartestree on Saturday as they look to consolidate their top five position.

Melusi was on the mark after just two minutes after linking with Bailey but Aiden Hughes fired Wyrley level on 15 minutes.

Melusi then restored the lead on the half hour after another one-two with Bailey, and five minutes later Graham headed in a Shin Miah free kick after Hands had been fouled.

Wyrley were back in the hunt through Stefan Gordan on 40 minutes, but the visitors struck twice before the interval to take charge.

Dan Graham headed in a Dean Graham cross, and Hands opened his account after good work from Melusi.

Bailey then found the net eight minutes after the interval, before Hands scored the best goal of the game with a fine effort on 78.

The scoring was completed two minutes later when Hands converted a cross from sub Callum Bennett to claim his hat-trick.

Draper double maintains TNS top form

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

“He pulled up with a hamstring which was a bit of a concern, we brought him off straight away, so hopefully the injury will not be that serious.”

He added: “We had to be patient as Haverfordwest – like a lot of teams that come here – get players behind the ball, and play compact and narrow.

“We just had to be patient and wear them down. We missed a good chance early on, but once we scored the first goal, it changed the dimension of the game as we knew they would have to come out more.

“We had chances to win by more, but we have to be happy with another three points and another clean sheet, our ninth in 13 league games.”

TNS were soon on the front foot and almost opened the scoring when Draper was put through with just keeper Scott James to beat, but saw his shot smartly saved.

Simon Spender then found space in the box, but the right back was also denied by another impressive save from James.

Moments later, the visitors sounded a warning

when they broke forward in a rare raid with Jordan Follows firing over before Greg Walters' powerful strike flew just wide of the post.

However, with half an hour played, Draper made the breakthrough when converting from close range after latching onto a terrific pass from Matty Williams.

That lead was doubled right on the interval when the New Zealand forward calmly rounded keeper James to slot in from eight yards out.

The Saints continued to control possession after the interval, and Williams went close to adding a third on the hour mark only for his headed effort to fly just over the bar.

The hosts had further chances with Robbie Parry almost marking his appearance as substitute with a first goal for the club when his dipping volley struck the bar.

And with the bar still shaking, Chris Seargeant's shot from 20 yards again rattled the woodwork as TNS failed to add further goals that their superiority deserved.

But it again proved another solid day's work as the defending champions stretched their unbeaten run to 15 games in all competitions this season.

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New Saints wary of trip to seashiders

THE New Saints look to make a splash on the seaside when they head to surprise package MBI Llandudno in Saturday's Dafabet Welsh Premier show-down.

The Saints hold a five point lead at the top, and are 10 points clear of Llandudno in third spot, but will be wary of the threat posed by the Seashiders who have exceeded all expectations in their first season in the league.

The sides drew 1-1 at Park Hall earlier in the season, but TNS boss Craig Harrison is backing his men to make their mark in their first ever visit to the 3G surface at Maesdu Park.

"We know it's going to be tough, especially on their ground," he said. "They have beaten Airbus twice and Aberystwyth twice, and have had some other good results, but the important thing is that we focus on ourselves and make sure we are right."

"When we drew with them earlier in the season, we were not at our best. Since then, we've gained in confidence, and can go there in good spirits."

"We know their threats, we will be respectful, but if we are on our game, we have no need to be frightened of them."

The Saints can certainly go into the clash in good heart, with their 2-0 win over Haverfordwest stretching their unbeaten run to 13 games in the league, with nine clean sheets.

"I'm more than happy with the 2-0 win," said Harrison. "We defended well as a unit, were solid from front to back, and created some good chances. Had we shown a bit more composure in front of goal, we could have scored a few more, but I'll take 2-0."

Striker Greg Draper, who scored twice in the first half, is doubtful after picking up a hamstring injury during the game.

Before the Haverfordwest match, there was a minute's applause for the club's match day steward Dave Shuker who recently passed away.

Harrison wins the top manager prize

THE New Saints boss Craig Harrison was a resounding winner of the Welsh Premier League manager of the month award for October.

The Saints chief led his side to six straight wins in the league, conceding just one goal in process, while last season's treble winners also progressed to the semi-finals of the World Cup after knocking out Haverfordwest 3-1 at Park Hall.

During the month, TNS overcame Bangor City, gap Connah's Quay and Haverfordwest County at home, as well as winning away at Carmarthen Town, Bangor City and Aberystwyth Town to move five points clear at the top of the table.

Most notable displays came on the road with a 6-1 romp at Carmarthen Town at the beginning of the month, and an equally impressive 4-0 victory at Aberystwyth two weeks ago.

Having picked up 31 points from a possible 39, the defending champions remain undefeated this campaign with nine wins and four draws.

Llan looking to clip Bluebirds' wings

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

IN-FORM Llanrhaeadr face a trip to holders Caersws in the third round of the Central Wales Challenge Cup.

Although playing a level below in the Spar Mid Wales League, Llan will certainly feel they have a chance as the Bluebirds have endured a tough season and currently prop up the Cymru Alliance.

Last season's beaten finalists Llanfair United are at home to Spar side Bow Street, while Waterloo Rovers head to Knighton Town, and Montgomery are away to Aberystwyth University.

Full draw
Aberystwyth University v Montgomery Town,

Caersws v Llanrhaeadr, Cardigan Town v Ffordun United, Carno v Borth United, Dyffryn Banw v Berriew, Kerry v Llanilar, Knighton Town v Guilsfield, Llandrindod Wells v Penrhynoch, Llanfair United v Bow Street, Llanidloes Town v Bont,

Machynlleth v Tywyn Brynrcrug, New Quay v Abermule, Penybont v Hay St Marys, Radnor Valley v Aberaeron, Rhayader Town v Builth Wells, Waterloo Rovers v Llansantffraid Village.

Ties to be played on or before Saturday January 2, 2016.

Llanrhaeadr put their Spar Mid Wales League revival to the test when they face a crunch clash at division one title favourites Penrhynoch on Saturday.

The encounters pits together the sides who are third and second in the table, but Llan can take confidence from recent displays.

They continued their fine form with a 7-2 romp against lowly Tywyn Brynrcrug, with Iwan Matthews leading the way with four of the goals.

Leaders WELSHPOOL visit Llanidloes Town while WATERLOO ROVERS host Hay St Mary's.

TNS GET HOME DRAW IN CUP

HOLDERS The New Saints will start the defence of the Welsh Cup on home surrounds when they come face to face with old rivals Aberystwyth Town early next month.

The two sides will need no introductions, meeting four times in the Welsh Premier last term, and have already played once this season with the Saints running off emphatic 4-0 winners away at Park Avenue just a couple of weeks ago.

They also met in the final of the competition two seasons ago, with Craig Harrison's men overcoming a two-goal deficit to emerge 3-2 winners in the final at Wrexham's Racecourse.

The Saints have dominated the Welsh Cup in recent times, having again been installed as pre-tournament favourites as they look to lift the trophy for a fourth time in five seasons.

The third round clash at Park Hall continues the run of home ties for TNS in cup competitions this season, with the defending champions having also been drawn at home three times in the World Cup.

There are two other all-Welsh Premier clashes which see Carmarthen Town host Bala Town, and Haverfordwest entertain Airbus UK.

GUILSFIELD, who have successfully navigated two home ties to reach the last 32, must now hit the road to Carmarthenshire as they look to progress further in the competition.

The Cymru Alliance men – guaranteed £1,500 for reaching this stage – will travel into the unknown to take on Cwmaman United, of the Welsh League division two.

Like the rest of the sides remaining in the competition, Guilsfield are just four games away from the final, but next month's trip to West Wales is a tricky assignment.

Newtown, who lost 2-0 to TNS in the final of the Welsh Cup last season, face a tricky first hurdle at Cymru Alliance side Flint Town United.

Third round draw: Afan Lido v Hyliswell Town, Barry Town United v Denbigh Town, Caerau Ely v Brecon Corries, Cardiff Met University v STM Sports, Carmarthen Town v Bala Town, Cefn Druida v Rhyl FC, Cwmaman United v Guilsfield, Flint Town United v Newtown, Goytre v Caernarfon Town, Haverfordwest County v Airbus UK Broughton, Holyhead Hotspur v Bangor City, Llandudno v Buckley Town, Penrhynoch v Cwmbran Celtic, Port Talbot Town v Cambrian & Clydach, Prestatyn Town v Gap Connah's Quay, The New Saints v Aberystwyth Town.

Ties to be played weekend of 5-6 December.

New kit just gr-eight for ladies



TNS Ladies in the new away kit that was used for the first time in the win against Knowle

THERE were high fives for Emily Ridge as The New Saints Ladies swept aside Knowle Ladies 8-0 at Park Hall Stadium to maintain their unbeaten form in the West Midlands Regional Premier League.

After their resounding 7-1 win against Kingshurst Sports Ladies the previous weekend, the Saints went even better to consolidate fourth spot and stay in range of leaders Crusaders.

Top scorer Ridge stole the show with five of the goals, with Sarah Burke, Laura Morris and Sophie Davies also finding the net.

Manager Joe Thompson made a number of changes to his team that wore their new away kit for the first time, sponsored by Interlink Express Hereford, and was delighted with the win, particularly the contribution of the five-

goal Ridge.

"We were excellent today," he said. "I was pleased with a clean sheet but to score eight goals is a big positive. A special mention needs to be made for Emily Ridge, who was outstanding today in scoring five of our goals."

The Saints take on Wolverhampton Wanderers in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round at Park Hall Stadium on Sunday, 1pm kick off.

TNS Ladies reserves returned to winning ways with a 2-1 verdict against Whitchurch Alport Ladies thanks to goals from Sara Bengtsson and Jen Smith.

Reserve team manager Ben Richards commented: "I can't fault any of the girls today. They gave everything they had and they deserve the victory."

Welshpool's Anderson in team of year

WELSHPOOL all rounder Tom Anderson has seen his achievements recognised after being named in the Shropshire Cricket League division two "Team of the Season".

For the first time, the league has issued teams of the season for each of its 10 divisions based on performances and consistency over the summer.

The League's awards committee picked an all-star squad for each division in an attempt to recognise excellence throughout the entire league.

Anderson's exploits helped Welshpool to an excellent season in the second division, in which his side finished in fourth place.

He took 29 wickets with a best of 4-25, while averaging 39.43 with the bat after scoring 553 runs. He had a top score of 103 as well as making two half centuries.

Anderson was joined in the divisional team by Ellesmere opening batsman Jonathan Mitchell, and his team-mate Ashley Thomas, along with all rounders, Aaron Ruff-cock (Montgomery) and Ruch Nimantha (Cae Glas).

Ruff-cock claimed 38 wickets for Monty, at an average of 13.84, with a best of 4-15, while scoring 580 runs at an average of 32.33. He had a top score of 88 not out.

Nimantha picked up 31 wickets for Cae Glas, with a best of 5-35, at an average of 17.58.

Meanwhile, Frankton bowler Harry Stow and team-mate Tom Welti made the premier division team of the season.

Knockin's free scoring batsman Steve Gray was included in the first division team of the season.

"We hope players will consider it an honour to be picked in these 'select' teams which will be printed in the annual league handbook, and it is something we will be looking to do every season going forwards," said awards committee chairman Jamie Dowley.

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Llanfair out – but are not too down

DESPITE seeing his side's Welsh Cup interest ended with a 5-3 loss at home to Cymru Alliance rivals Prestatyn Town, Llanfair United manager Rhys Stephens was heartened by the second round performance.

"Our boys did well, but we were beaten by a better side," he said.

"At the start of the season, Prestatyn were my tip to win the league, and so far I have seen nothing to change my mind."

"We played well in the first half, but found ourselves 3-0 down, but showed a lot of spirit and fight in the second half."

He added: "There is a lot we can build on. We've got a massive league game at Caersws on Saturday."

"While last week was more about the performance, this week will be all about the result."

"We need something from the game, but they will be thinking the same."

Guilsfield return to league duty on Saturday with a trip to struggling Rhayader Town as they look to cement their place among the leading pack.

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